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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

At Sebastopol, Russia, on Friday, a well dressed but unknown woman fired four bullets into Vice Admiral Chounkin and his orderly shot and killed her before she escaped——The Kansas Supreme Court has decided that boards of education cannot order separate schools for white and colored children ——In one of New York's principal thoroughfares yesterday police rescued and with drawn revolvers protected a negro murderer from lynchers——In the fraudulent harbor work at Savannah, under the collusion of Carter, Greene and Gaynor, the government was made to pay $3,600 for material and work worth only $400, was testified to by Major Gallette in the trial yesterday——The stockholders of the Southern Railway are asked to authorize a bond issue of $200,000,000 for double tracking, changing grades, building new shops, new yards, acquiring additional lines, and refunding and retiring bonds——The guardhouse at Eastman, Ga., was burned on Friday night and three white prisoners perished——Near Rochelle, Ga., Friday night, as the result of a quarrel at a party, Jesse Hearn shot and killed two brothers named McDuffie——Members of the Senate committee on inter-State commerce, now considering the Hepburn rate regulation bill, propose amendments which will throttle the measure by endless litigation; the committee hopes to vote [illegible] the measure as amended, by Feb. 15th——On account of the condi[illegible] at Littleton, W. Va., 1,000 people [illegible] homeless and suffering from cold [illegible] freezing——The Moroccan conferen[illegible] at Algeciras, Germany refusing [illegible] cede to the contentions of France [illegible] New York markets: Money on call n[illegible] no loans, time loans firm; spot cott[illegible] holiday; flour dull and feature[illegible]s; wheat easy, No. 2 red, 89 5-8 elevator; corn steady, No. 2, 50 1-2 elevator; oats steady, mixed 35 to 35 1-2; turpentine quiet at 68 to 68 1-2; rosin quiet, strained common to good, 3.80 to 3.85.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau.
Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 10, 1906.

Meterological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., Saturday, Feb. 10th.

Temperature at 8 A. M., 36 degrees; 8 P. M., 48 degrees; Maximum, 59 degrees; Minimum, 36 degrees; Mean, 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 1.55.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river a Fayetteville at 8 A. M., Saturday, 24 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Saturday. Monday fair; warmer in central and western portions; light to fresh northeast winds.

PORT ALMANAC—Feb. 11.

Sun Rises .....6:53 A. M.
Sun Sets .....5:36 P. M.
Day's Length .....10 hrs. 30 min.
High Water at Southport ..9:11 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington.11:41 A. M

The Esch-Townsend bill was put to sleep and it seems that Mr. Esch and Mr. Townsend also turned in with it.

The Esch-Townsend rate regulation bill met the Hepburn rate regulation bill in the road and didn't recognize it.

A New York Congressman says: "Let us do something and go home." Uncle Sam should take notice that he shouldn't let them do him.

Many of the holy bonds of matrimony appear to be wholly inadequate to keep some married people bound together.

The Mormons do not appear to carry out the manifesto abolishing polygamy any more than people carry out their New Year's resolutions.

"The hog market is easier," says a Chicago dispatch. We care nothing about the tone of the market; what we want to know is, when will the tariff hogs get easier on us?

The Baltimore Sun prints a programme of the Woman Suffragists' convention in session in that city and heads it, "What the woman suffragists will do to-day;" as if everybody didn't know they'd talk.

The woman suffrage convention at Baltimore declares that "men would not object to see the women at the polls." However, we can say for the men that they would decidedly object to have the women to go to the poles.

Mr. George Evans, a Baltimore hotel man, is achieving fame because he looks like Nick Longworth, on the eve son-in-law of President Roosevelt. All hotel men look like Old Nick to the man who raises a kick about his hotel bill.

The Charlotte Observer says: "The Richmond Times-Dispatch gets off this one: "If Greene should prove the Gaynor, would envy make Gaynor Greene? No answer." The man responsible for this should be strung up without benefit of clergy." Right in the face of that malediction it would be rash to say that the Gaynors got enough spoils to induce somebody to help them Carter way the pile.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Hub—Spring Goods.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Silk Sale.
Metropolitan Life—Statement.
E. M. Andrews—Pianos, Organs.
Atlantic National Bank—Security.
S. & B. Solomon—Embroidery Sale.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—New Features.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Anniversary Sale
Inter-State Machinery Co. — Mill Supplies.
Greensboro Life Ins. Co.—Wilmington Branch.
N. Jacobi Hardware Co.—K. P. Guano Distributor.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Cooper & Davis—House for Sale for Removal.

AFTERMATH OF FIRE

Ruins on Dock, Front and Water Streets Viewed by Many All of Yesterday

LOSSES ESTIMATED $100,000

Origin of Fire Still Problematical—Girls Thrown Out of Employment Are Interested Spectators—Schedule of the Insurance.

According to insurance men, the losses in the Germania Hall fire yesterday morning will foot up to fully $100,000 when all the estimates are in, including, of course, both insured and uninsured property. Little, if anything, was learned yesterday of the origin of the fire, three theories being advanced by those who have had occasion to inquire into the matter.

One theory is that the fire started in the rear of Mr. W. A. Vollers' store, No. 28 South Front street; another is that the origin was in the rear of the Braddy Music Store, No. 26 South Front street, and the third is that the fire originated on the second floor of the building, eating its way through the floor below and exploding a gasolene tank used as a feed supply for a lamp in Mr. Braddy's store. The gasolene tank is said to have been just outside the building and it went off with terrific force tearing its way through and scattering the fire all over the Willard bag factory in the rear. Mr. E. Payson Willard said yesterday that he had made complaint of the existence of this tank so near his factory to the Fire Commissioner, but that he had been informed that the tank or can was within the legal requirements and nothing could be done. Mr. Willard says this is the second time within three years that his factory has been destroyed by fire which communicated from outside sources and he is a strong advocate of more stringent fire regulations in the business district of the city.

The scene of the fire was visited by hundreds of people at all hours yesterday, the pulling down the old and dangerous walls by the firemen having been an interesting side attraction. Perhaps most interesting of the spectators during the early hours of the morning were from 100 to 150 girls who had been employed to do sewing in the factory and had not learned of the destruction of the plant until they came down to work as usual at 7 o'clock. Some of them looked and giggled while others viewed the ruins with sadness depicted upon their countenances. To the former it meant merely a brief respite from work; to the others it meant loss of employment and the cutting off of a chance to earn a livelihood. The office of the bag factory was transferred temporarily yesterday to the rear of Willard & Giles' Insurance office, on Princess street, and all employes were paid off there as usual on Saturday afternoons.

A revised estimate of the losses in the fire and the insurance as gathered yesterday are as follows:

Mrs. L. Vollers—Germania Hall building and wing on Dock street, total loss, $13,000; insurance with Willard & Giles and Walker Taylor, $6,100.

W. A. Vollers—Stock of groceries in No. 28 South Front, total loss of $3,00; insurance with Willard & Giles, $1,100; James Owen Reilly, $500; Walker Taylor, $1,000. Total insurance, $2,600.

M. Braddy—Music store and stock of millinery estimated by Mr. Braddy at about $5,000; insurance of $2,500 with Walker Taylor and $2,000 with Willard & Giles. Total insurance, $4,500.

H. T. Duls—Store building No. 24 North Front street, slightly damaged by fire, water and smoke; fully covered by insurance with J. VanB. Metts. Stock of Syrian occupying store, slightly damaged by fire, smoke and removal; no insurance.

Gaston D. Phares—Furniture in warehouse at rear of Germania Hall, total loss of $1,500 to $2,000; no insurance.

J. C. Stevenson Co.—Fish warehouse in rear of Germania Hall, loss fully covered by insurance of $400 with Willard & Giles.

H. L. Vollers—Adrian stock of groceries stored in Germania Hall wing on Dock street; total loss; fully covered by insurance of $2,000 with Willard & Giles and $1,000 with J. VanB. Metts.

T. J. Gore—Buildings on Dock and on Water street; $4,500 insurance with Walker Taylor; damage to buildings about $2,500. Stock of liquors in store at Water and Dock streets, damage by fire and water about $1,500; insurance of $1,650 with Walker Taylor.

Preston Cumming—Antique furniture and coffins on third floor of Gore building; $500 insurance with Walker Taylor; practically a total loss.

Red Cross Chemical Company and Marine Engineers' Association—Effects on second floor of Gore building; practically a total loss; no insurance; no estimate.

Brooks & Taylor and T. J. Gore—Damage to corrugated iron buildings on wharf; small loss, fully covered by insurance.

W. W. King—Undertaking rooms on Dock street; small loss, partly by removal; no insurance.

Jim Robertson, colored barber, and Mary Jones, restaurant, on Dock street—Small loss by fire and smoke and removal; no insurance.

G. W. Linder & Co.—Stock in store at northwest corner of Front and Dock streets; small damage by smoke; covered by insurance with J. H. Boatwright & Son.

Von Glahn Estate—Building occupied by G. W. Linder & Co., small loss by heat and smoke; fully covered by insurance.

Mrs. Addie Elvington and Mrs. M. A. Griffin—Household goods on second and third floors of VonGlahn building; damage by heat and smoke and removal; no insurance.

Willard Bag Factory.

The total loss of the Willard Bag & Mfg. Co., not taking into account the loss of business in the height of the season, is estimated at $45,000 with insurance of $37,500 with Willard & Giles. Mr. Payson Willard said yesterday that as yet no arrangements had been made for rebuilding the factory at once but that it would be rebuilt in time for next season's business.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The United Charity Association will meet Monday at Maria Hall, Eighth and Princess at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

—The schooner Mary L. Crosby cleared yesterday for Portland, Me., with cargo of 460,000 feet of lumber, consigned by the Cape Fear Lumber Company.

—Mr. Douglass L. Leftwich, of Virginia, the noted baritone, will sing at both services at the First Baptist church to-day. Mrs. Fairchild will sing at the evening service.

—License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. L. B. Rhodes, a son of Mr. T. K. Rhodes, and Miss Virginia Wheeler, daughter of Mr. George Wheeler, all of this city.

—Fayetteville Observer: "The reporter has been informed that Hon. J. G. Shaw, of the law firm of Robinson & Shaw, was out yesterday in the country southwest of Fayetteville, taking rights of way for a line of railway. This looks like the speedy extension hitherward of the Raleigh and Charleston R. R."

—Superintendent of Streets R. T. Pickett has all sorts of duties to perform in connection with his office but he had a "new one" yesterday. At Twelfth and Market streets he found Mary Wells and Alberta Read, colored, in a fast and furious fight yesterday afternoon. Supt. Pickett arrested the pair and sent them down to the police station.

—The Mayor's court yesterday was not interesting. Frank Onslow, Dan McDuffie and Granville Hines, the trio of colored gentry arrested by Police Sergeant J. R. Hardee at Eleventh and Grace streets, were arraigned on a charge of vagrancy but the warrant had to be amended to disorderly conduct. Two of them were fined $5 and costs each. McDuffie was discharged. Frank Mulford, colored, drunk and down at Second and Princess streets, was given 20 days on the roads.

KILLING OF YOUNG MALPASS.

Negro Driver Released After Investigation—The Tragedy.

No further particulars of the killing of the young soldier, K. M. Malpass, near his home in Sampson county, were learned yesterday beyond the fact that as a result of an investigation of the shooting, Robert Cowan, the negro driver, was released at Wallace yesterday morning. The private conveyance in which the young man was travelling to his home was hired from Mr. B. C. Boney, at Wallace, and the young soldier had with him a dress suit case filled with whiskey. Both he and the negro driver appear to have been pretty drunk when the killing occurred. Malpass was shot over the right eye, the bullet coming out through the top of his head. He had on his person a gold watch and $16.95 in money. He was on a ten days' leave of absence from the fort.

Three ladies, several hundred yards away, saw the killing but the confusion between the two men was such that no clearly defined idea of the tragedy was gained from their statements of the affair.

Sergeant George D. Meece, of the 102nd Company, came up to the city last night and will leave this morning for the Malpass' home for the two-fold purpose of laying a floral tribute from his army comrades upon the young soldier's grave and of preparing an official report of the death to the commanding officer.

SCOTT READS THE PAPERS.

An Incident In the Life of The Condemned Negro Mutineer.

Henry Scott, the Baltimore negro mutineer in the county jail here under sentence of death, evidently likes to keep informed of the world's happenings. In addition to the large number of letters received by him, after due inspection by Jailor Capps, Scott receives every morning the Philadelphia Record, of which he is a subscriber and a constant reader. Scott has been taking the paper for some time and has believed all along that he would not be hanged on Jan. 26th, as originally sentenced. The label on the Record shows that he has paid his subscription to March 6th, 1906, and he is still living and will doubtless have an opportunity of renewing his subscription before saying good-bye to this world.

While professing a deep impression by the religious services held for him in the jail, it is said that the colored preacher ministering to him spiritually hardly leaves the cell on some occasion before the mutineer is cursing like a sailor and using the most blasphemous language of which he is capable of laying his tongue to. Scott is an enigma to the prison officials and to every other person dealing with him, according to reports that come from the jail.

ARE THEY LIABLE?

Question of License Tax on Seaboard and Armour Warehouses.

City Clerk and Treasurer Fowler, upon advices from the Board of Audit and Finance, is investigating the question of whether or not the Seaboard Air Line in this city is liable for the license tax imposed by the municipality upon storage warehouses. The Seaboard has several large warehouses here for the storing of its receipts of fertilizers and the like by water and Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, counsel for the road, claims that the company is not liable for the license tax. Payment of the same has been refused and a suit to test the matter is invited.

The City Treasurer is also investigating the question of whether the Armour people are not liable for the license tax imposed on "mixers of fertilizers." Time has been given for communication with the head office in Chicago.

STEAMER FROSTBURG'S CARGO.

Will Consist Largely of Fertilizers on The First Trip.

The steamer Frostburg, of the Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company, will hardly arrive here before Tuesday. Her cargo the first trip will consist largely of fertilizers from Armour's works in Baltimore for the warehouses of the same company in Wilmington. However, it is known that several merchants and business men are directing that their Baltimore shipments be sent by the new line and after the first trip or two of the steamer, the cargoes will be made up largely of miscellaneous consignments. The new line is welcomed by business men and it is now up to them to rally to its support.

THE MAYOR'S REPLY

Gives "Other Side of Question" as to Mr. C. C. Covington's Charges

THE CITY ADMINISTRATION

Circumstances of Complaints That Probably Led to Attack For Incompetency—Attitude Towards Railroads is Discussed.

Disucssion on the street yesterday was about evenly divided between the big fire of the night before and the attack made by Mr. C. C. Covington upon the city administration before the special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce the noon previous. A variety of opinion was expressed and the curious, those not directly or indirectly interested, found amusement in the situation and the possibilities of contingences likely to develop. The following communication from Mayor Waddell and Mayor Pro Tem. O'Brien has been received with a request to publish as "The Other Side of the Question":

To the Editor of The Star:

The undersigned have read with astonishment the statements made by Mr. C. C. Covington at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, as reported by the city press. According to these reports he charged each of us by name with having told him that we intended to take up the "dummy line" track, and also charged that we are hostile to the Atlantic Coast Line. We regret the neccessity which compels us to denounce these statements as absolutely and unqualifiedly false. They are, on their face absurd, for neither of us nor any other person except the Board of Aldermen has the power to take up the track referred to, and neither of us has any conceivable reason for hostility to the great corporation which has done so much to build up this city.

We desire to add that Mr. Covington complained to the mayor about conditions near his place of business, and that the mayor immediately responded, taking Mr. O'Brien, the chairman of the Streets and Wharves Committee and Mr. Pickett, Superintendent of Streets, with him to the locality to investigate. We were showed first a few barrels of empty beer bottles which the owner said were awaiting removal. They were ordered to be removed at once. Then Mr. Covington complained of a lot of cotton waste on the opposite side of the street from his place of business and not in his way at all. Then he pointed out a place in the railroad track where, by the sinking of the earth, the rail was higher than the street level for a few feet, saying his wife came near upsetting a buggy there, and Mr. O'Brien said he would at once notify the railroad authorities, which he did. Then Mr. Covington wanted us to remove the granite blocks placed on the street to be laid for street improvement—to another locality on the same street. And then he complained about the arrangement of the cars, placed by the railroad for his convenience and one of which was being slowly unloaded by him. The mayor asked him if he desired to make a complaint against the railroad, to which he replied in the negative—thus, while actually complaining to the mayor refusing to become responsible for the complaint.

Now the truth about the "dummy line" business is—that a very valuable franchise was given away years ago by the city, the benefit of which has been enjoyed chiefly if not entirely by the wholesale merchants on the river front. The city fixed hours for the use of the streets by the railroad—the merchants petitioned to have the time enlarged—it was granted—the time was again enlarged until practically all day was allowed. Now, when those merchants cannot agree as to the handling of the cars, some wanting one thing and some another, the city administration is denounced for "incompetency" because it does not settle the matter by assuming charge of the railroad's business of transportation and unloading the cars.

This administration has done everything it could to accommodate both the railroad and the merchants. The general manager of the railroad told Mr. O'Brien today that he had always regarded and still regards the city administration as friendly to the railroad and had never heard of any hostility on their part. A prominent business man on the wharf who deals largely with the "dummy line" will testify that, when complaining of the unloading business on that line to the mayor he was told that the city authorities would do anything they could to accommodate the merchants, if the merchants would only agree among themselves and ask it.

A. M. WADDELL, Mayor.
M. O'BRIEN.
Wilmington, Feb. 10th.

THE GREENSBORO LIFE.

Official Announcement of Mr. H. L. Fennell's Appointment by Company.

Attention is called to the large advertisement of the Greensboro Life Insurance Company on the third page of to-day's Star. This company has recently opened a branch office in this city in charge of Mr. Hardy L. Fennell, managing agent, and already he is making things interesting in the life insurance field in this section.

The Star can endorse the following announcement in the company's advertisement: "Mr. Fennell's past experience and pronounced success in the life insurance business fit him for work of a high order, his record with the New York Life Insurance Company showing that he led all the agents of that company in North Carolina in the production of business. His friends in the 'City by the Sea' and throughout this section will find Mr. Fennell prepared to serve them more satisfactorily than ever before."

Armenia Coming Again.

Capt. Will L. Miller, agent of the Acme Tea Chest Company, received a cablegram yesterday stating that the steamer Armenia had just sailed from Las Palmas for Wilmington. She is expected here the first of next month and will receive cargo of gum and other veneering woods for Glasgow.

Go to Gaylord's China Silk sale Monday—1,000 yards, all colors, 40c. **

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. Morrow, of Marshall, N. C., is a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. J. D. Farror, of Wilson, N. C., was among last night's arrivals.

—Messrs. Austin Clark and R. H. Lyon, of Elizabethtown, are guests at The Orton.

—Mr. J. A. Drew, of Currie, N. C., was a pleasant caller at the Star office yesterday.

—Mr. James Sinclair, of the Atlantic Coast Line at Waycross, Ga., is here to spend a few days with friends.

—Mr. W. A. Gore, trainmaster of the Seaboard Air Line with headquarters in Raleigh, was here yesterday, a guest at The Orton.

—The Star had the pleasure of a call yesterday from Mr. J. P. Cook, of Concord, a former newspaper man well known in the State.

—Mr. Morgan B. Spier, district superintendent of the Southern Bell Telephone Company with headquarters in Charlotte, arrived yesterday.

—Mr. William Entwistle, of Rockingham, one of the best known practical cotton mill men in the State, arrived Friday on a business trip. He is a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. Burett H. Stephens, architect and consulting engineer of the new Swift fertilizer factory up the river, returned yesterday morning from a week's business trip to Kansas City, Chicago and Philadelphia.

—Miss Carrie Turner, of New York, who has been the charming guest of relatives in the city for some weeks, expects to return home to-day. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Carl W. Polvogt and Miss Lizzie Otten, who will visit friends in New York for some time.

THE CONFISCATED BEER.

Will Be Sold at Auction To-morrow Week—Opinion Asked.

City Clerk and Treasurer Fowler has advertised that he will sell at public outcry at the Court House door to-morrow week, to satisfy malt liquor license tax of $50 for one month, the five barrels of Budweiser beer, consigned to Charles Guntz and siezed at the Carolina Central depot a few days ago. While the City Treasurer has taken counsel regarding the legality of the sale and his liability for Federal tax and has been advised that there is no question of his right to sell the beer, he has written to the Collector of Internal Revenue of this district for a definite opinion. It was argued that the U. S. Supreme Court had rendered an opinion requiring a Federal tax to be paid in such cases, but attorneys for the city pointed out that the decision related to the State of South Carolina in the noted dispensary case in which it was held that the State being in the liquor business itself, was, therefore, liable for the tax. In the case in point here, it can hardly be argued that the City Clerk and Treasurer is in the liquor business.

RED MEN AT THE FORT.

New Tribe Will Be Instituted at Southport Soon.

Sergeant George D. Meece, of Fort Caswell, and about 30 of his comrades at the army post there, have organized a tribe of Improved Order of Men at Southport and the same will be instituted the last of this month or the first of next month. While the charter list numbers thirty, it is hoped to interest about thirty other members in the town of Southport so that the tribe will be one of the largest and most flourishing in the North Carolina reservation. The name chosen for the new hunting grounds is "Watcoosa," after the primeval chief in charge of the Red Men on the lower Cape Fear when this country was first settled by the whites.

A large delegation from Eyota and Cherokee tribes of Red Men in this city will go down to institute the new tribe when everything is in readiness and the event is being looked forward to with much pleasure by the "Big Injuns" here. Sergeant Meece was here last night and conferred with several Red Men in regard to the coming institution of the new tribe.

BUILD ON FRONT STREET.

Messrs. Sternbeger Brothers to Erect Store Adjoining Atlantic Inn.

Elsewhere in to-day's Star will be found an advertisement from Messrs. Cooper & Davis, architects offering for sale the two-story dwelling on east side of Front street, just south of the Atlantic Inn, at Front and Red Cross streets. The property was recently purchased by Messrs. Sternberger Brothers, who will remove the dwelling from the lot and erect thereon at once the first of two handsome two or three-story brick store buildings, one of which will be occupied by the firm as a grocery and liquor store. The present dwelling will be removed within 20 or 30 days and work on the first of the two stores to be built there will begin as early thereafter as possible. The store to be first built and occupied by Messrs. Sternberger Bros. will be 30x100 feet in size and will be thoroughly modern in every respect. For the present it will be only two-stories high, but later when the adjoining building goes up, a third story may be added. The lot fronts 62 feet on Front street and an alleyway to the rear of the two buildings will be left.

FINE OPENING AT STIEFF'S.

Hundred of Ladies and Music Lovers at Opening Yesterday.

Hundreds of ladies yesterday visited and were charmed with the new headquarters of the Stieff Music House, in the Bunting building, on Princess street, the occasion having been the formal opening of the establishment. The place was very attractively decorated with palms, flowers and the like, which, with the magnificent showing of fine instruments, made a most attractive display.

An excellent musical programme was rendered during the afternoon and all lady visitors were given as a souvenir of their visit a copy of the new March-Intermezzo, "Cupid's Birthday," composed by Mr. W. Scott Decker, the popular and talented young manager of the Stieff interests in this territory.

The opening was a delightful success and Mr. Decker and the Stieff people are to be congratulated upon it.

Go to Gaylord's Big China Silk sale Monday. All colors, 50c. kind, 40c. **

FT. FISHER REUNION

Cape Fear Camp, United Confederate Veterans Have Joined the Movement

TO INVITE THE PRESIDENT

Chamber of Commerce Asked To Assist—To Make National Gathering of the Event—Other Matters of Interest For U. C. V.

Cape Fear Camp No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, have joined the survivors of the memorable conflict in their appropriate effort looking to a reunion of the veterans of the blue and gray at Fort Fisher. The matter came prominently to the attention of the Camp at its regular monthly meeting at the W. L. I. armory Friday night. It is proposed to hold the reunion in August of this year and the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce will be asked in the commendable movement. It is believed to be entirely within the range of probability that, with influences from the North, President Roosevelt may be induced to make a visit here on that occasion and the committees in due time will go to work with that incentive to greater effort.

At the meeting of veterans Friday night two letters were read from Maj. D. B. Magill and Lieut. Geo. B. Fairhead, both of the 117th New York Volunteers, to the Rev. James A. Smith in regard to the proposed reunion. Maj. Magill in his letter says the Union veterans have been in correspondence with Col. Lamb, who was in command of the Confederates at Fort Fisher, and he is heartily in favor of a reunion. He thinks if the idea of a reunion is settled favorably, some influence can be used to get the President to join the party.

The camp gave expression of its hearty sympathy in the movement and will appoint a committee to act in conjunction with a committee from the survivors to push the arrangements.

These survivors are scattered all over North and South Carolina. Should the arrangements meet the approval of them and they should care to participate they may communicate with Rev. J. A. Smith, Mr. H. C. McQueen or Capt. R. W. Price.

The usual routine business was conducted by the Camp at its regular meeting.

A letter was read from Mrs. Hudson, of Cincinnati, who has charge of the cemetery work on Johnson's Island, in which satisfactory progress was reported. She took occasion to thank the veterans of North Carolina for their generous action and remarked that it was but another evidence of the truth of the old saying that North Carolina could always be depended upon at the right time.

The following resolution was unanimously passed, having been offered by Mr. Clayton Giles:

"Resolved that the thanks of this camp are due and are hereby tendered to Bishop Strange for his able and instructive address delivered at the celebration of General Lee's birthday; to Mr. McCullen for his very acceptable services as chaplain; to the Daughters of the Confederacy for the beautiful and appropriate decoration of the stage, and for the delightful lunch served to the veterans; to Messrs. Cowan Brothers for the use of the opera house and the expense of the gas consumed; to Mr. Munson and the gentlemen composing his quartette in charge of the musical part of the programme; to Messrs. Frank Turrentine and John Yates, who composed the drum corps, and to our many kindly disposed citizens who contributed so generously to supply the means for the annual lunch to the veterans of our camp and the surrounding country."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Transactions Which Appear From Filed For Record Yesterday.

W. T. Mercer and wife, L. V. Grady and wife and C. D. Weeks and wife to W. J. Moore, for $1,000 and other consideration, property on east side of North Water street, 44 feet north of Princess street, 22x91 feet in size.

W. M. Cumming and wife of W. M. Sneeden, for $160, property at northwest corner of Fifth and Wright streets, 66x66 feet in size.

Thos. D. Meares, Jr., commissioner, to H. M. Millinor and wife, for $25, property on east side of Third, 58 feet north of Meares street, 20x99 feet in size.

Cameron F. MacRae, trustee, to the Carolina Real Estate Trust Company, for $10 and other considerations, tracts of land on Prince George Creek and on Persimmon Creek, in Cape Fear township.

William M. Bellamy, commissioner, to Wm. H. Shearin, for $150, one-half interest in Sadgwar property in Cape Fear township, containing 85 acres and 10 acres, respectively.

Colored Methodists In Session.

The first quarterly conference of Mount Zion A. M. E. church met Friday night, J. W. Telfair presiding and J. L. McIntire acting secretary. The receipts for the quarter were $518.60. A committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions upon the death of the late J. S. Weeks. A fine address was delivered by W. H. Capehart, D. D., in which he exhorted his race to higher ideals in life.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.'s Anniversary.

One year ago this month the store of the C. W. Polvogt Co. opened its doors in a compartively new location for a retail Dry Goods Store, which has risen to be one of the leading stores of North Carolina. Mr. Polvogt's twenty years' before the public taught him that good store keeping would be appreciated; his venture has proven a success and is now doing the largest retail business in this section of the State. To celebrate their first anniversary in their new store they have inaugurated an anniversary sale, to begin on Monday, February 12th, lasting the entire week. Attractive prices have been made at their attractive store. Double trading stamps will be given on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and special hour sales on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Besides the remaining Winter stock, many new Spring Goods will be on sale this week; Millinery will be sold at half price; Carpet, Rugs and Mattings are all reduced for this anniversary sale. **

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMP'Y,
1905. "The Store That's Always Busy." 1906.
ANNIVERSARY SALE, FEB. 12TH TO 17TH
RETROSPECT.
One year ago this month this great store opened its doors in a compartively new location for a Retail Dry Goods Store, which since has risen to be one of the leading stores of North Carolina. At that time there existed in minds a doubt—but never in our own—as to the success of our venture. Our Twenty years before the public taught us that good store-keeping would be appreciated—store-keeping which never permitted that a customer suffer disappointment—where an error would be gladly corrected—where a low price never meant a doubtful quality.
PROSPECT.
It shall be our aim to give you a thoroughly satisfactory store—as good and nearly perfect as we can made it. To this end we solicit your criticisms and suggestions, for this is your store as well as ours, and we mean to so conduct it that you will take a personal pride in the greatest store in this section of the country.
Double Trading Stamps Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Hour Sales Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
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PIANOS and ORGANS
Mr. E. M. Andrews, the well known furniture dealer of this city, has added to his beautiful stock of Furniture, a Music Department under the special supervision of a man with seven years experience. We will handle these celebrated instruments:
PIANOS: KRANICH AND BACH. STULTZ AND BAER. LANGDON.
ORGANS: PACKARD. PUTNAM. ESTEY.
We invite the Musicians of Wilmington and surrounding country to come and examine these beautiful instruments. Before buying, remember these goods are First-Class and are worthy of inspection. We have an experienced man for tuning and repairing.
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117 So. Front St., W. J. BRADSHAW, Manager.
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SIMPLEST, STRONGEST and MOST ECONOMICAL.
Scatters the Guano instead of putting it into a small stream.
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THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK.
Capital .....$125,000.00 Surplus .....$225,000.00, all earned
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Our Spring Goods are in. We have now a beautiful line of organdies, white mercerized shrit-waist goods, silk mull embroideries, etc., etc. Ladies' and Gent's Shoes in whites, blacks and tans; high and low cuts. Gent's two and three piece suits; a smart line of odd pants, newest styles and patterns.
Call on us for your Spring Supplies.
THE HUB,
603 N. 4th St. B. F. PENNY & CO.
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A Select Stock of
Drugs and Medicines
Always Kept at
HARDIN'S
PALACE PHARMACY
126 So. Front St.
fe10-tf

—The Business Locals department of the Star will be found on second page.

Stout boy, about 13 to 14, wanted at the Star office to handle a broom, a coal scuttle and a water bucket. fe9-3t*

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Sunday Morning, Feb. 11.

NEXT TO NIAGARA.

With the exception of Niagara Falls, probably no greater available water-power exists than that at Great Falls on the Catawba river, about eighteen miles from the flourishing little city of Chester S. C. At the site of the falls, the Catawba river divides the counties of Chester and Lancaster, but it is on the Chester side that the Southern Power Company is developing this wonderful water power, literally harnessing it up to transmit electric power over several counties in upper South Carolina and lower central North Carolina.

From time to time we have mentioned something about the development of this power by Dr. W. Gill Wylie and his associates, and while we knew that rapid progress was being made with the work we are surprised to learn from the Rock Hill, S. C., Herald that it is nearing completion. The Herald says:

"Some interesting descriptive matter has been issued concerning the progress made on the Southern Power Company's plant which will extend its lines from Great Falls on the Catawba river.

"It is understood that arrangements are now being made for the stringing of wires to Columbia, and that as soon as the plant work is completed the company will enter that city.

"At Great Falls, there are sites for three separate and distinct developments, from which 75,000 horse-power of electricity may be obtained. Work is now being done on the first of these, from which approximately 45,000 horse-power will be secured. The contract for the machinery, costing $250,000, was let some time ago to the Westinghouse company.

"Great Falls is in the center of the greatest textile manufacturing section in the South. Spartanburg county alone, has 30 mills which consumed last year more than 200,000 bales of cotton. The same in a greater or less degree might be said of the other counties in this Piedmont belt. The current from the development at Great Falls and from the other sites on the Catawba owned by the same company will be used to supply these mills with the necessary motive power. This section is the manufacturing center of the South and it is expected that the operation of the greater number of the mills will be by electricity. The area of the section so supplied will be about 160 miles long and 60 miles broad.

"The striking feature of the plant is the method of water storage. By a diversion of the water supply from the Catawba river to the head of a natural canal a storage reservoir is obtained, which is one-fourth of a mile wide and two miles long, lying parallel to the river bed. At right angles across the lower end of the canal, forming this natural reservoir, a powerful retaining wall has been built. In the retaining wall six 5,200 horse-power twin hydraulic turbines are to operate at a speed of 450 revolutions per minute from the same head. The water from the tail race, after leaving the turbines is to be turned back into the river bed.

"The power having thus been generated will be transmitted in all directions. One line will be run up the river to the Catawba power plant, from whence it will be transmitted to Charlotte, Gastonia, Rock Hill and other points. Other main lines will be run to Columbia, Spartanburg and other principal manufacturing points in South Carolina."

The water power at the Great Falls practically embraces all the great volume of water in the Catawba river plunging down with terrific force for a distance of about three miles, in many places at an angle of forty-five degrees. On both sides of the river the hills are almost mountain high, and the tremendous roar of the river is appalling, as it sweeps down the gorge in its resistless course hedged about by titan rocks.

To think that great work of nature is to be utilized to turn the wheels of industry in probably a hundred cities and towns in North and South Carolina! In North Carolina the places we are aware that the power will reach are Charlotte, Pineville, Monroe, Gastonia, and probably others, while in South Carolina the towns within the zone of transmission are numerous. It should be stated that the Great Falls Power plant is below the other powerful plant known as the Catawba Power plant which latter is some twenty-one miles south of Charlotte.

Dr. W. Gill Wylie, who is at the head of the company engaged in the great electrical development of the Piedmont country, is referred to as "of New York," but while that is the place of his residence and has been for probably thirty years, he is a Chester man, son of Dr. A. P. Wylie, in his lifetime one of the South's most eminent physicians and scientists. Dr. Gill Wylie became eminent as a physician in New York and is not only known all over the United States as a man eminent in his profession, but the great industrial development which he is bringing about in the manufacturing towns of the two Carolinas will give him added fame as a captain of industry.

THE COTTON PROBLEM.

Despite the fact that a comparatively small crop of cotton is reasonably certain, and despite, also, the well-established fact that the consumption of cotton by the mills of the world is proceeding on an unusual scale and the trade in cotton goods is such as to hold out the hope that the existing activity will prevail for a long time to come, it has been found impossible to force prices up to the 15-cent mark fixed upon by the recent cotton convention, or even to prevent a gradual decline below 11 cents per pound from the high figure of the season reached some time since.

The New Orleans Picayune, noting the situation which we mention above, explains it to some degree as follows:

"Many people have attributed the decline in the price of the staple solely to the efforts of manipulators and bear speculators, forgetful of the fact that no combination of speculators, however bold, can entirely set aside the inevitable laws of supply and demand, although shrewd manipulators may sometimes be able to anticipate the course of prices more accurately than the majority of the trade. While, then, the bear speculators have figured prominently in the course of recent events in the cotton market, the real cause of the decline has been the large volume of visible supplies on the one hand and the unwillingness of spinners and manufacturers to anticipate their wants with such visions of supply before them.

"The fact that the market has declined to a point around 10 3-4 cents for middling cotton does not mean that a much higher level may not be experienced later on. With trade as good as it is, and with spinners making big money at the existing differences between the price of raw cotton and the price of manufactured goods, it is certain that they will use up their invisible and surplus supplies as rapidly as possible, and when compelled to fall back upon the unsold stocks or the remnant of the crop not yet marketed, they will not hesitate to pay higher prices, since the value of raw cotton must advance materially to reach the present parity of manufactured goods. But just as long as visible supplies loom up as largely as they do at present it is unreasonable to expect spinners to anticipate their needs."

The large visible in sight is accounted for by the large surplus of the record breaker crop which has been marketed along with the season's short crop. This is but an illustration of the baleful effect of overproduction and furnishes the strongest reason why the acreage should be held well in bounds this year.

We quite agree with the Picayune that once the surplus supplies are exhausted, however, and the mills are forced to rely entirely on the visible stocks and the unmarketed supply, the spinners' takings will begin to loom up largely and the visible stocks to decline in proportion. There will then be every reason for a substantial advance, the limit of which will depend largely upon the developments connected with the new crop. Early preparation of the fields and early planting will hold out reasonable prospects of an early crop and an abundant supply of new cotton in the later Summer and early Fall, whereas a wet, cold Spring and a late planting will make the prospect for early supply anything but promising and place an added value on the supply of the old-crop cotton.

THE STAR TO-DAY.

The Star is going to its readers this morning in eight-page form, the necessity for which arises from an unusually heavy run of advertisements and a variety of reading matter that the paper feels its patrons will appreciate. Recent improvements and enlargement of the Sunday Star have met with universal favor and more than one department of its make-up on Sundays have been regarded as valuable enough for adoption by its contemporaries, all of which is gratifying to this paper.

To-day in addition to the usual "Happenings and Doings in Society," by G. N. H., the rail and water transportation department; the review of coming attractions at the theatre; the regular installment of Booth Tarkington's charming story "The Two Van Revels," the usual complement of local and telegraph news and a variety of miscellany, we are carrying an interesting illustrated story of the coming "White House Wedding," the nuptials of Miss Alice Roosevelt and Representative Nicholas Longsworth, of Ohio, in the East Room of the Executive Mansion on next Saturday. The story will be found a very readable review of the groom and his ancestors, Miss Roosevelt's unique career as the most conspicuous young woman in the world, who preferred a man rather than a title. Her piquant, independent and vivacious personality gives the people of the whole country an intense interest in the coming event.

All told, the paper to-day will be found very readable.

How hard a mother has to coax before she can get her child to take its first step. It is just about as hard to induce a convalescent, languid invalid, especially one suffering with weakness of the lungs, to take the first step to health. There is a lack of confidence, and perhaps a crushing experience of a former failure, which depresses and discourages the sufferer.

In spite of doubts and fears you will take the first step to health when you take the first dose of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It never fails to help. In ninety-eight cases out of one hundred it never fails to cure. Never mind about the symptoms. Obstinate cough, bleeding of the lungs, spitting of blood, emaciation, night-sweats, conditions which if neglected or unskilfully treated terminate in consumption, have all been perfectly and permanently cured by "Golden Medical Discovery."

"I am thankful to say that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cured me of consumption," writes Mrs. Mattie L. Denton, of Morganton, N. C. "My health had been bad and for several months before I began the use of your medicine I had symptoms of consumption. Had night-sweats, a bad cough, loss of appetite and a great loss of flesh. There were other symptoms of disease that disappeared by the use of the medicine. By the time I used one bottle of 'Golden Medical Discovery' I began to regain my appetite and after using two and a half bottles my cough was cured; I could eat heartily and all symptoms of consumption had disappeared. Took seven bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and one of the 'Favorite Prescription.' Am very thankful I received so much benefit. I believe I would have been dead if I had waited and not taken Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery."

Sick persons are invited to consult Dr. R. V. Pierce, by letter, absolutely without fee or charge. Every letter is regarded as sacredly confidential. Each answer is mailed in a plain envelope. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.

Frightfully Burned.

Chas. W. Moore, a machinist, of Ford City, Pa., had his hand frightfully burned in an electric furnace. He applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve with the usual result: "a quick and perfect cure." Greatest healer on earth for Burns, Wounds, Sores, Eczema and Piles. 25c. at Druggists. **

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DRAGGING PAINS?

Read This

"I had dragging pains and falling womb," writes Mrs. Ina Baytes of Sherwood, Tenn. "My health was bad and I could hardly do my work. Cardui cured me."

Women suffer agonies from pains of which men have no comprehension. One of these is that awful, bearing-down or dragging pain, which so often, in some women, forms a part of the monthly sickness, and in others continues from month to month, week to week, day to day, till death itself would often be welcomed as a relief. What does it mean? It means, probably, that your womb is bent, twisted, turned inside out, or falling down, as a result of a certain weakness of those muscular fibers, which are supposed to keep it straight and hold it in place. It means, that if you do not take immediate steps to cure this trouble you may become an invalid for life. It means, that you must lose no time, but go for relief and cure, to the one medicine which will be sure to benefit and cure you, as it has benefited and cured a million other happy, rejoicing women, viz:

WRITE US A LETTER freely and frankly, in strictest confidence, telling us all your symptoms and troubles. We send free advice (in plain sealed envelope) how to cure them. Address: Ladies' Advisory Dept., The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

WINE OF CARDUI Woman's Relief

CURRENT COMMENT

The organization is still doing business. The predicted political panic has failed to materialize.—Greensboro Industrial News.

—Some of the Northern papers are yelling loud and long for the suppression of "The Clansman," but up to date we have not heard a single chirp for the withdrawal of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." You see it all depends upon whose ox is gored.—Asheville Citizen.

—The Lodge consular reform bill came out of the Senate committee room looking as though it had been through the wars. Its parent had trouble in recognizing it. Something like 90 per cent. of the reform is missing. We shall see presently what happens to the rate-regulation bill in the Senate committee room.—Hartford Courant.

—A handwriting witness has been into court in New York to testify that that "Ok." on a certain document was not written by Colonel Mann, made famous (or infamous) by the Town Topics case. This is, however, a less difficult task than that imposed upon a witness by a certain North Carolina attorney, who attempted to prove the authorship of an erasure.—Greensboro Industrial News.

—American girls are so loyal, so wholehearted when they give their affection, that it is always regrettable to learn that one of them has drawn a blank in the international marriage lottery. They deserve all that is best in this world of married happiness. How long will they continued to be dazzled by visions of social distinction abroad? How long will they think it worth while to pay millions of dollars for titles which in many cases are not worth a silver dollar?—Baltimore Sun.

—A dispatch of yesterday told of a minister of the gospel in Chicago, who when arraigned on the charge of sending obscene letters through the mail, immediately attempted suicide. His self inflicted injuries will terminate fatally it is thought. There will always be Judases in the camp. The whips and scorns of public disapproval are hard to brook, but it is only the pangs and lashings of the guilty conscience that made man's burden more than it is possible to bear. The remorse of a man's conscience is, of all, the most fearful punishment meeted out to the erring.—Charlotte News.

—Senator Tillman says that he may be a candidate for governor next Summer, in case his health is such that he cannot remain in Washington. His candidacy is a remote possibility, we imagine, even though the Morgan bill should become law. We hope no circumstances will arise which will induce him to become a candidate, for, while his fitness and ability are admitted, his candidacy would no doubt renew factional strife and bitterness. Neither the dispensary nor any other policy of state government is worth saving or perpetuating at such a price as that.—Columbia Record.

TWINKLINGS.

A Little Boston Girl—Are you a cottager? Little Harlem Boy—No. I'm a flatterer.—Life.

—Casey—Phwat's a garage? Reilly.—Sure, it's wan o' thim horseless livery stables.—Philadelphia Record.

Customer—When was this chicken killed? Waiter—We don't furnish dates with chicken, sir. Only bread and butter.—Life.

"Yes, I've stopped smoking at home." "Wife objected?" "Oh, no. On the contrary. She furnished the cigars.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—Desk Sergeant—What did you arrest this man for? Patrolman—Stealin peanuts from a Dago. Desk Sergeant—Enter a charge of impersonating an officer.—Cleveland Leader.

—"Why does the member of Congress assume to be unfamiliar with the phrase 'stand pat?'" asked one statesman. "Because he's bluffing," answered the other.—Washington Star.

—Mrs. De Lush—What has kept you out so late? Mr. De Lush—Been takin' inventory. Mrs. De Lush—I knew it. I smelled it on your breath the minute you opened the door.—Cleveland Leader.

—"Mercy, what a crush!" exclaimed a fair, but fat strap-hanger on a Wade Park car last night "I've had to stand on one foot for eight blocks." "I'm well aware of that, madam," put in her neighboring victim, "but I wish you hadn't picked out my foot as the one."—Cleveland Leader.

Luckiest Man in Arkansas.

"I'm the luckiest man in Arkansas," writes H. L. Stanley, of Bruno, "since the restoration of my wife's health after five years of continuous coughing and bleeding from the lungs; and I owe my good fortune to the world's greatest medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which I know from experience will cure consumption if taken in time. My wife improved with first bottle and twelve bottles completed the cure." Cures the worst coughs and colds or money refunded. At all druggists. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 10, 1906.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market, firm, $3.35.

TAR—Market firm at $1.80 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm at $2.80 per barrel for hard, $4.50 for dip, and $4.50 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine, nothing doing, rosin nothing doing; tar firm, $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.30, $3.70.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	6
Rosin	395
Tar	151
Crude	63

Receipts same day last year—3 casks spirits turpentine, 10 barrels rosin, 110 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market—Nominal.

Same day last year—Firm, 7 1-4c.

Receipts—81 bales; same day last year, 560 bales.

COUNTRY PRODUCE

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina, Prime, 85c.; extra prime, 90c.; fancy 95c., per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 45c.; extra prime, 50c.; fancy, 55@60c.; Spanish 85@90c.

CORN—Firm; 62 1-2@65c. per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady, hams, 15 to 16c. per pound; shoulders, 11 to 12; sides dull, 11 to 12.

EGGS—Dull, 15 to 16.

CHICKENS—Dull, Springs, 15c. to 25c.; Grown, 30 to 35.

BEESWAX—Firm, at 26@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50c @55c. per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c. pound.

TURKEYS—Firm, 15c for live; dressed, 18 to 20c.

HIDES—Dry salted, 12c.; green, 8c. per pound.

PORK—Dull, 6 to 7; hams, 8 to 10.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

New York, Feb. 10.—No cotton market today, holiday.

Prices Better.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 10.—Cotton futures, closing bids: Feb. 16.08; March, 10.82; April, 10.93; May, 11.01; June, 11.06; July, 11.02; October, 10.32; December, 10.32.

Futures opened steady and six to 8 points up on a favorable Liverpool, the local market closing 3 to 4 points better than expected. The week end statistics were regarded as slightly bullish. The New York market being closed today, stimulated local trading, some of the New York operators making transactions through this market. The close was firm at the top, the list showing net advances of 7 to 9 points.

Spot cotton active and firm. Quotations revised: Middling and higher grades advanced 1-16; middling, 10 3-4.

Port Movement.

Galveston—Steady, 10 7-8c.; net receipts, 2,456 bales.

New Orleans—Steady, 10 3-4c.; net receipts, 5,422 bales.

Mobile—Quiet, 10 9-16c.; net receipts, 173 bales.

Savannah—Steady, 10 7-16c.; net receipts, 1,589 bales.

Charleston—Quiet, 10 1-2c.; net receipts, 16 bales.

Wilmington—Nominal; net receipts, 83 bales.

Norfolk—Quiet, 11c.; net receipts, 559 bales.

Baltimore—Nominal, 11 1-2c.

New York—Holiday.

Boston—Quiet, 11.25; net receipts, 359 bales.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 11.50.

Port Arthur & Sabine Pass—Net receipts, 6,079 bales.

Total to-day, at all ports—Net, 17,055 bales. Exports: Great Britain, 11,261 bales; Continent, 13,672 bales; Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 17,055 bales. Erports: Great Britain, 11,261 bales; Continent, 13,672 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all ports—Net, 5,885,491 bales. Erports: Great Britain, 1,984,728 bales; France, 551,582 bales; Continent, 1,654,069 bales; Japan, 53,047 bales; Mexico, 1,864 bales.

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Interior Movement.

Houston—Quiet, 10 7-8c.; net receipts, 4,398 bales.

Augusta—Steady, 10 15-16c.; net receipts, 132 bales.

Memphis—Steady, 10 7-8c.; net receipts, 1,675 bales.

St. Louis—Dull, 10 15-16c.; net receipts, 101 bales.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 278 bales.

Louisville—Firm, 11 1-4.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Liverpool, Feb. 10.—Cotton, spot in fair demand, prices one point higher; American middling fair, 6.83d.; good middling, 6.04d.; middling, 5.88d.; low middling, 5.72d.; good ordinary, 5.54d; ordinary, 5.38d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 9,000 American. Receipts 2,000 bales, all American. Futures opened quiet and steady, and closed steady: American middling G. O. C: February, 5.76d.; February and March, 5.76d.; March and April, 5.78d.; April and May, 5.81d.; May and June, 5.84d.; June and July, 5.87d.; July and August, 5.88d.; August and September, 5.84d; September and October, 5.67d.; October and November, 5.62d.; November and December, 5.61d.

NEW YORK FINANCIAL

New York, Feb. 10.—Money on call nominal; no loans; time loans firm; sixty days, 4 1-2; ninety days and six month, 4 3-4. Prime mercantile paper 4 1-2@5 1-4 per cent. Sterling exchange heavy with actual business in bankers bills at 487.10@487.20 for demand and at 483.75@483.85 for sixty day bills. Posted rates 484 1-2 and 488. Commercial bills, 483 1-4@483 1-2. Bar silver, 66. Mexican dollars, 50 3-4.

N. Y. Bonds.

U. S. refunding, 2s reg	103
U. S. refunding, 2s con.	103
U. S. 3s reg	102 1-4
U. S. 3s cou.	102 12
U. S. old, 4s reg	103
U. S. old, 4s cou	103
U. S. New 4s reg.	129 1-4
U. S. New 4s cou	129 1-2
American Tobacco, 4s cert	80 3-4
American Tobacco, 5s cert	117 3-8
Atlantic Coast Line, 5s cert	102 1-8
Baltimore & Ohio	104 3-8
L. & N. Unified, 4s	103 3-4
Seaboard Air Line off'd	91 1-4
Southern Railway, 5s	118 1-2
U. S. Steel, 2d 5s	99 1-4

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	115 3-8
American Sugar Refinings	145
American Tobacco pfd., cert.	105 1-4
Atlantic Coast Line	160 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio	113 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio, pfd	98 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio	59 1-8
Louisville & Nashville	150 1-4
Manhattan L.	160 1-2
New York Central	150 1-4
Norfolk & Western	88 1-2
Norfolk & Western, pfd	91
People's Gas	5. 7-8
Reading	140 5-8
Reading, 1st pfd	93 1-2
Reading, 2nd pfd	100
Southern Pacific	67 3-4
Southern Pacific, pfd	117 3-4
Southern Railway	40 3-4
Southern Railway, pfd	110 1-2
Tenn., Coal & Iron	156 1-2
U. S. Steel	44 5-8
U. S. Steel, pfd	109 3-8
Va-Car. Chemical	61 3-8
Va-Car. Chemical, pfd	115
S. A. L., com	—
S. A. L., pfd	—
Standard Oil	693
Western Union	93 1-4

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Covering by shorts late in the session today caused firm tone in the wheat market and the closing prices were almost at the highest point of the day. Compared with yesterday's final quotations, however, the close today showed very little change. Corn was down 1-8@1-4c. Oats were practically unchanged. Provisions were 2 1-2 to 12 1-2c lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat, No. 2.—				
May	85⅛	85⅝	85⅛	85½
July	84⅛	84⅝	84	84⅜
Corn, No. 2.—				
May	43⅝	43⅞	43⅜	43⅞
July	44	44⅛	44	44
Sept	44⅜	44½	44⅜	44⅜
Oats, No. 2.—				
May	30⅛	30¼	30⅛	30¼
July	29⅝	29½	29⅜	29½
Mess Pork, per bbl.—				
May	15.10	15.10	14.97½	15.00
July	14.95	14.95	14.85	14.85
Lard, per 100 lbs.—				
May	7.55	7.80	7.75	7.77½
July	7.90	7.90	7.87½	7.87½
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—				
May	7.95	7.97½	7.87½	7.87½
July	8.05	8.07½	7.97½	8.00

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, dull and easy; Winter wheat patents, 3.70@4.00 Straights, 3.60@3.85; Spring patents, 3.70@3.90; Bakers, 2.20@3.00; Spring Straights, 3.60@3.70; No. 2 spring wheat, 84@85; No. 3 spring wheat, 81 1-2@84 1-4; No. 2 red, 86 1-2@87; No. 2 corn, 40 1-2; No. 2 yellow, 40 3-4; No. 2 oats, 29 7-8@30; No. 2 white, 31 1-2@31 3-4; No. 3 white, 29 1-4@31; No. 2 rye, 64; Mess pork, per bbl., 14.75@14.80; Lard, per 100 lbs., 7.60@7.02½; Short ribs sides (loose), 7.70@7.80; Short clear sides (boxed), 8.20@8.30; Whiskey, basis of high wines, 1.29.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET

New York, Feb. 10.—Flour dull and featureless; Minnesota patents, 4.50 @4.85; bakers 3.60@3.90; winter patents, 4.10@4.40.

CORN MEAL—Steady, 1.03@1.15; kiln dried, 2.80@2.90.

WHEAT—Easy; No. 2 red, 89 5-8 elevator. Options 1-8@1-4c net lower; May, 90 5-8; July, 89 1-2; September, 87 1-4.

CORN—Steady; No. 2, 50 1-2 elevator. Options 1-8 to 1-4c net lower. May, 49 5-8; July, 49 7-8; September, 50 3-8.

OATS—Steady; mixed, 35@35 1-2.

BEEF—Steady; family, 11.50@13.00; mess, 9.00@10.00; beef hams, 20.00@21.50; packet, 10.50@11.00.

CUT MEATS—Quiet; pickled bellies, 8 1-2@9c; pickled shoulders, 7; pickled hams, 9 1-4@9 3-4.

LARD—Barely steady; western steamed, 8.00@8.10; refined steady; continent, 8.15; compound, 6 1-8@6 3-8.

PORK—Steady; family, 16.00@16.50; short clear, 15.00@17.50; mess, 15.75@16.50.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 5 1-8; country, 4@5 1-4.

RICE—Steady; domestic, 3 1-2@6; Japan nominal.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, 30@38.

SUGAR—Holiday.

COFFEE—Holiday.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 17@23.

CHEESE—Firm, unchanged.

EGGS—Steady, unchanged.

POTATOES—Steady, unchanged.

FREIGHTS—Quiet, unchanged.

PEANUTS—Quiet, unchanged.

CABBAGES—Dull, unchanged.

COTTON SEED OIL—Steady. Prime crude f. o. b. mills, 24 1-2@25. Prime summer yellow, 31 3-4@32 1-2; prime white, 34 1-2@35; prime winter yellow, 34 1-2@35.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Feb. 10.—Turpentine quiet at 68 to 68 1-2; rosin quiet, strained common to good, 3.80 to 3.85.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 10.—Turpentine firm, 65 1-2; sales 148; receipts 138; shipments 1,351.

Rosin firm; sales 2,945; receipts 2,147; shipments 2,621; stock, 71,615. Quote: A, C, D, E, 3.35; F, 3.40; G, 3.45; H, 3.80; I, 4.40; K, 5.10; M, 5.35; N, 5.85; W. G., 6.05; W. W., 6.15.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 10.—Turpentine and rosin nothing doing.

DRYGOODS MARKET.

New York, Feb. 10.—In the dry goods market today conditions showed somewhat of a decline so far as actual business consummated was concerned. The tone of the market was, however, just as strong and healthy as at any time in the recent past and the outlook was favorable.

MARINE

CLEARED.

Schr. Mary L. Crosby, Warren, Portland, Me., C. D. Maffitt.

Exports Coastwise.

Portland, Me—Schr. Mary L. Crosby, 460,000 feet lumber; cargo by Cape Fear Lumber Co.; vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Barques.

Durban (Nor.), 735 tons, Ugland, Helde &Co.

Schooners.

C. C. Lister, 266 tons, Moore, C. D. Maffitt.

Eliza A. Scribner, 350 tons, Dodd, C. D. Maffitt.

Augustus Welt, 1,111 tons, Sproule, C. D. Maffitt.

John S. Deering, 397 tons, Gamage, C. D. Maffitt.

Lejok, 297 tons, Norwood, C. D. Maffitt.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 10, 1906.

C. C. Railroad—110 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—2 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 5 barrels tar.

W. C. & A. Railroad—69 bales cotton; 30 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—18 barrels rosin; 16 barrels tar.

Schr. J. C. Allen—3 casks spirits turpentine; 18 barrels rosin; 20 barrels tar; 33 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. Missouri—10 bales cotton.

Raft—359 barrels rosin.

Total—81 bales cotton; 6 casks spirits turpentine; 395 barrels rosin; 151 barrels tar; 63 barrels crude turpentine.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES.

Itching, Blind, Bleeding, Protruding Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

A Healing Gospel.

The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Belair, Ga., says of Electric Bitters: "It's a God-send to mankind. It cured me of lame back, stiff joints, and complete physical collapse. I was so weak it took me half an hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of Electric Bitters have made me so strong I have just walked three miles in 50 minutes and feel like walking three more. It's made a new man of me." Greatest remedy for weakness and all Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at all Druggists. Price 50c. **

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS!

The Star will send, without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messengers to your place of business or residence for advertisements for our Business Locals department. 'Phone the Star Office, No. 51.

Rates—Twenty-five cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word. Positively, cash in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co.; or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes and small packages. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for advertisements always call the Star Office, 'Phone 51.

FOR SALE—THAT TWO STORY dwelling house on East side of Front Street between Walnut and Redcross. Known as the McManus residence. House is in good condition and the weather boarding is all heart. Purchasers must remove same from premises within 20 days of purchase. Cooper & Davis, 207 Southern Bldg., Architects. fe11-tf

WANTED—A GOOD FIRST-CLASS tinner; sober man preferred. Apply at once to W. W. Huggins, Camden, S. C. fe10-3t*

MILK COWS FOR SALE—TWO FINE Jersey Cows for sale. Apply to J. W. WINDLEY, Castle Haynes, N. C. fe7-1w*

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOM. Apply to 603 Orange St. fe4-tf

SWEET LIPS SHOULD TASTE THE sweet delicacies served at "The Oasis." For instance, Sliced Pineapple, Bananas, and whipped cream, hot chocolate with Whipped Cream, home-made Cakes, Sandwiches with home-made Rolls, Vegetable Soups, Clam Bouillon, Tomato Bouillon, Beef Tea, Malt Coffee, the best cereal coffee made. We delight to please the ladies. ja2-tf

FRESH ARRIVALS—BANANAS, Apples, Onions, Oranges, Cabbage, and Irish Potatoes. Two cars just arrived. A. S. Winstead. oc22-tf

CALL PHONE 547 WHEN YOU WANT a nice Chicken dinner, or N. C. Hams; country Sausage, fresh every week. Full line groceries. Will appreciate your orders. S. L. Craig. ja 20 1f

I RESPECTFULLY SOLICIT YOUR PATronage for Granolithic Sidewalk Paving. Only best material and skilled labor used. Satisfaction and promptness guaranteed. Have put down over three thousand yards and can furnish references. Prices reasonable. Get my estimate before placing your orders. W. E. Glenn, Contractor. Phone 1058. ja 27 1 m

A STRONG, HEALTHY BOY 14 TO 15 years old who is not afraid of work may find employment by making application at the Star Office. References required. ja 30 tf

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DO YOU WISH TO RENT A HOUSE, or have you a house to let? If so, advertise in this column of the Star.

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High Grade Small Cigar

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

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WE HAVE THEM

WE HAVE LOOKED ALL THROUGH THE OVERALL MARKET, AND HAVE TAKEN THE EXCLUSIVE AGENCY FOR THE VERY BEST LINE MADE, THE FAMOUS

H. S. PETER'S BROTHERHOOD OVERALLS,

Trade Mark Registered.

and invite you to call and look them over before purchasing. In addition to being the very best we can find, the Brotherhood Overalls are Union-Made and are the only overalls on the market made by a member of Organized Labor. The manufacturer of these goods is a member of the B. L. F. and B. L. E.—and guarantees to replace, free of charge any garment giving just cause for complaint in any respect. There's a patented fleece lined Safety Watch and Handkerchief Pocket on these coats, which cannot be improved on; your watch cannot fall out of it under and circumstances.

Buy Them Of

J. M. SOLKY & CO.,

Masonic Temple Building. Wilmington, N. C.

feb-tf

Christmas Attractions

We have many beautiful and attractive things in JEWELRY suitable for Christmas and New Year's Gifts. We carry a large stock of

Diamonds, Watches, Scarf Pins. Brooches, Rings, Knives and Forks and Sterling Silver in Great Variety

everything usually found in a first-class Jewelry House.

To be absolutely sure that you are getting the worth of your money you must be absolutely sure of the reliability of the Jeweler.

J. T. BURKE.

THE JEWELER. 27 SO. FRONT ST.

Dec 5tf

WHAT KIND OF FINANCIER ARE YOU?

To sell a lot of ground for $50 less than it would bring if $5 were expended in advertising it is very common—if not very wise—financiering.

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Star Business Locals Will Help You "Manage Things"

Do You Know

The Cape Fear Trading Company, carries an up-to-date stock of groceries and sells as cheap, and delivers as promptly as any first-class store in the city. Call 'phone 1013 and get our prices before making your purchases and you will save money.

CAPE FEAR TRADING CO.,

J. B. TAYLOR,

601 N. Fourth St. Manager.

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ON THE SPOT!

Car Now In Of

Fine Seed Potatoes

EARLY OHIO—RED AND WHITE

BLISS, BOVEE.

All favorite kinds and we want to move them to make room for more.

OUR PRICESS ARE LOW.

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The Worth Co.,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

feb 1-tf.

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Georgia Cane Syrup

The best Flour on the market

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H. L. VOLLERS,

Wholesale Grocer

Seed Potatoes

FROM MAINE

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GREENSBORO, N. C.

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Leads in attractiveness and liberality of policy contracts, volume of business produced and all things else that go to the makink of an aggressive and progressive life insurance company. The statement of the Greensboro Life's first five months' business shows a total of more than $1,750,000 of insurance delivered and paid for up to and including December 31, 1905. Only one company wrote more business in North Carolina during the whole of 1905 than the Greensboro Life wrote during its first five months.

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is largely responsible for the unparalleled record of the Greensboro Life. This policy has been justly termed "the best life insurance contract in the world." It is best because it guarantees more protection, more liberal settlement options, higher cash, loan and paid-up values, and larger dividends than the policies of other companies. The Income Indemnity policy pays double insurance in case of accidental death, and in the event of total and permanent disability or incapacity, the payment of premiums ceases and the insured has the option of either taking a fully paid-up participating policy or collecting the full amount of his insurance in ten equal annual installments.

WILMINGTON BRANCH OFFICE.

The Greensboro Life has opened a branch office in Wilmington for the special care of its business in this vicinity, and it is with pleasure the announcement is made that the company has secured the services of Mr. Hardy L. Fennell as Managing Agent. Mr. Fennell's past experience and pronounced success in the life insurance business fit him for work of a high order, his record with the New York Life Insurance Company showing that he led all the agents of that company in North Carolina in the production of business. His friends in the "City by the Sea" and throughout this section will find Mr. Fennell prepared to serve them more satisfactorily than ever before.

GREENSBORO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Greensboro, N. C.

HARDY L. FENNELL, Managing Agent, - - - - - - - - - - - - WILMINGTON, N. C.

Happenings and Doings In Society.

By G. N. H.

Mrs. Percy R. Albright has returned from a very pleasant visit to Raleigh.

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Mrs. Martin S. Willard entertained a few friends at bridge whist on Friday evening.

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Miss Carrie Harriss is the guest of Admiral and Mrs. Francis H. Delano in Washington, D. C.

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Miss Connie MacRae, of Havensack, New Jersey, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacRae.

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Miss May Beverly French has returned home after a very pleasant visit to friends in Richmond, Va.

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Lumina is the scene of many pleasant little oyster parties which partake of social as well as society features.

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Mrs. Donald MacRae was hostess of a li tle gathering of friends on Friday, at which bridge whist was played.

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Mr. George P. James, of Washington, D. C., spent last Sunday in the city to the delight of his many friends.

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Mrs. William A. Wright entertained a few friends at a tea drinking on Thursday which was very much enjoyed.

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Little Miss Alice Behrends, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Behrends, Tuesday afternoon entertained a number of her little friends at the home of her parents, at 517 Dock street.

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Capt. Frederick H. Delano, U. S. M. C., now stationed in Cincinnati on recruiting duty, returned to his post on Wednesday.

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The Society of the Cincinnati will meet in this city on or about the 19th of April and will be entertained by the Colonial Dames.

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Mrs. Harry Woollcott is in Greensboro, N. C., the guest of Miss Matt Griffith, who is very pleasantly remembered in Wilmington.

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Friends in this city will regret to learn of the serious illness of Capt Cadwallader Iredell at his home in Richmond, Va.

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Lieutenant David F. Boyd, United States Navy, who has been a visitor in the city, returned to the U. S. S. Texas at Charleston, S. C., on Monday.

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Mrs. Frederick Fosgate, who has been on a pleasant visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Reinberg, in Washington D. C., for some weeks, returned to the city Tuesday, much to the delight of her many friends.

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Mrs. Anne DeRosset Harris, who has been on a visit of some length in Cartersville, Ga., is expected home in a few days and will be warmly greeted by her many friends.

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The February german of L'Arioso Club will be danced in the Masonic Temple ball room on Friday, 23 inst. L'Agile Cotillon Club will not give a dance this month.

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Mr. E. Strudwick Nash, who has been absent from the city for some weeks has returned, and will probably remain for a couple of weeks, much to the pleasure of his friends.

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An approaching marriage of very much interest to a great many friends is that of Miss Rena Mills and Mr. Jos. W. Yates, which will be solemnized in Grace Methodist church on Tuesday, 20th inst.

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The musical and literary evening which had been planned by the Colonial Dames for this month has been abandoned for the present as Mr. and Mrs. William Latimer were constrained to recall their invitation to the Dames on account of a bereavement in the family.

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Mrs. Thos. M. Emerson, Miss Elliott Emerson and their guest, Miss Nellie Hamilton, of Petersburg, Va., have spent a pleasant week in Florida, and were expected to return to this city on yesterday or to-day.

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The disagreeable weather of the past week has prevented many from visiting the grounds of the Country Club and social life at the pretty little lodge and on the tennis courts has been conspicuous by its absence.

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The North Carolina Society, "Daughters of the Revolution," will hold a meeting on the 27th of February, the anniversary of the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, 1776. The place of meeting and the hour will be announced in due time by the secretary.

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Miss Hallie Parks, of Greensboro, Ga., who has been on a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. George L. Peschau at Southport, has returned to Wilmington and is the guest of Miss Beulah Armstrong. Miss Park's many admirers in this city gladly welcome her again to Wilmington.

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Mrs. W. V. B. VanDyck entertained most charmingly in her pretty little Bungalow, on Point Peter, on Thursday, at a bridge whist of two tables. Mrs. VanDyck's guests were Mrs. Hugh MacRae, Mrs. Donald MacRae, Miss Connie MacRae, Mrs. M. F. H. Gouverneur, Mrs. Wallace Carmichael, Mrs. E. VanB. Sands, and Mrs. Wm. S. Myers, of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

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It is pleasant news to many friends that Mrs. R. B. Miller, of Goldsboro, formerly Miss Rosa Battle, of Raleigh, who underwent an operation in Rex Hospital for appendicitis, has so far recovered that it is expected she will be able to leave the hospital this week.

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Mr. Frank L. Meares, now of Seattle, Washington, who has been on a visit to relatives and friends in this city for several weeks, will return to his far northwestern home to-day or to-morrow. Mr. Meares' friends are loth to see him leave Wilmington and truly hope that it will not be another decade before he returns to the home of his nativity.

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Wednesday is St. Valentine day. It is a pretty custom, and who of us, that have grown older but remember when we used to strain our purses to send a little sweetheart a pretty valentine. The sweetheart has become husband or wife, and should none the less be a sweetheart still. Many an old treasure-box, if emptied, would disclose a little old faded valentine kept preciously these many years.

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On Tuesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Carr, at Burgaw, Miss Kina Carr and Mr. Clarence Hayes were married Mr. and Mrs. Hayes are now visiting Mr. Hayes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hayes, in this city.

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—The Richmond Times-Dispatch has this note in its society column "Miss Noney Selden has returned to the city after a two weeks' visit to the Misses Pleasants, of Wilmington, N. C., While away she toured Florida in the private car of Mr. Pleasants, visiting the resorts and places of interest along the gulf and Atlantic coast."

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At the residence of Mrs. J. M. Penney, No. 904 North Sixth street, Mrs. Penney gave a sociable in honor of the sixteenth birthday of her daughter, Miss Aline Penney. There was a large number of friends and relatives present and a most delightful time was enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments were served. Miss Penney received many handsome presents.

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A bright little chap of four or five Summers called on a petite and pretty young lady, who is prominent in social circles and was entertained in her boudoir. Noticing a health exerciser attached to the door, he asked what it was and was told that it was "something to make you large and pretty and strong." Then with childish simplicity he artlessly remarked, "then you have never used it."

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The North Carolina Society of Savannah will hold its recessed annual meeting in the parlor of the De Soto Hotel at 8:30 Tuesday evening, Feb. 13th. Business will come before the meeting and after adjournment a smoker will be held in the breakfast room of the hotel. Mr. T. H. McMillan and Dr. W. E. Fitch compose the entertainment committee. Mr. A. H. Kelley, secretary of the society, has sent invitations to the members.

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The return of that eminent American actor, Mr. James O'Neill, in a brilliant revival of the famous old Dumas play, "Monte Cristo" at the Academy of Music Thursday evening, will be one of the society events of the present week. Already the engagement is being looked forward to by society folk with much pleasure. The present is said to be the farewell tour of Mr. O'Neill in "Monte Cristo" and the theatrical world will suffer for it.

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A matter which has a distinct bearing on social conditions is the "servant problem." Why could not this annoyance, in a measure, be lessened by a uniform movement on the part of society people, by which a colony of fifty to one hundred Swiss or maids of other nationalities could be brought here? If white servants were brought in sufficient numbers to make them satisfied by giving them companionship, some homes would be made more comfortable and a vexed proble would be solved.

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Mrs. W. H. Shearin entertained very pleasantly on Saturday evening, Feb. 3, from 8 till 12 in honor of Miss Massenburg, of Louisburg, and Miss Larkins, of Castle Haynes. The young ladies' friends from the neighborhood were present as well as a large number of guests from Wilmington. Whist and finch were the features of the evening's entertainment, after which the guests were taken into the dining room where delightful refreshments consisting of ices, fruits, etc., were served. Miniature hearts tied with colored ribbons made very pretty souvenirs.

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From the Southport Herald: "Mrs. C. E. Gause and little daughter of Wilmington, is in Southport this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dosher. ——Mrs. Thos. L. Vines and little son, T. L. Jr., of Wilmington, are in the city visiting Mrs. Vines' parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Mintz.——A very enjoyable social was given at the home of Miss Annie Peirce in honor of Miss Bessie Richards, of Wilmington, last Wednesday evening. Dainty refreshments were served before the departure of the guests."

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Miss Jeannie Murchison, one of the season's fairest debutantes, was the hostess of the Thursday Evening Bridge Whist Club last week and pleasantly established herself in the front ranks of easy and charming hostesses. The guests of the evening were Miss Margaret Bridgers, Miss Lucy Bridgers, Miss Fan McNeely, Miss Bessie Burruss, Miss Elovine Burruss, Miss Mary Allan Short, Miss Heloise Beebe, Mr. Richard Bradley, Mr. Raymond Hunt, Mr. R. A. Williams, Mr. Wm. L. Walker, Mr. Burke H. Bridgers, Mr. James C. McRae Mr. E. Strudwick Nash.

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Mrs. J. Wallace Carmichael was the charming hostess of the Tuesday Evening Bridge Whist Club last week, adding fresh laurels to a well won reputation as an entertainer. Her guest's were Miss Connie MacRae, of Havensack, New Jersey; Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacRae, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. H. Gouverneur, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. J. Victor Grainger, Mr. and Mrs. Burruss Corprew, Mrs. Jessie Kenan Wise, Miss May Beverly French, Miss Lucile Murchison, Miss Lilla Bellamy, Mr. Thos. H. Wright, Mr. Frederick W. Dick, Mr. Albert S. Williams, Mrs. Thos. B. Willard, and Mr. Richard Bradley.

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The following neatly engraved invitations were received by freinds on Wednesday:

Mr. John A. Arringdale
requests the pleasure of
your company on Saturday
evening, February 10th
At the Cape Fear Club,
to celebrate his election as
President, and the birth of
That the entertainment and celebration was a success goes without saying, as Mr. Arringdale is a very comfortable and lavish host. An excellent buffet supper was served and Miss Margaret Baldwin Arringdale was toasted in the "purest and best."

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Beautifully engraved invitations, in script, have been received by friends in this city. They read as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jones
invite you to be present
at the marriage of their daughter
Augusta Porcher,
to
Mr. Derrill Darby Taber,
on Thursday evening, February the
fifteenth,
at nine o'clock,
Trinity Church,
Columbia, South Carolina.

The bride-elect is a young woman of charming personality, who has a great many relatives in this city, and the fortunate groom is a young man of fine capabilities.

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A Washington correspondent writes: "One of the delightful social events of the week was the reception given Friday evening by Miss Alice H. Huske, at her home in the Cumberland, in honor of her guest, Miss Madeline White, of Graham, N. C., who has been the guest at a round of entertainments during her visit to Washington, Miss Frank H. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, and Miss Magruder, of Washington, received with Miss Huske and Miss White. Miss Lucy H. Young and Miss Margaret L. Parker served. The color scheme was pink, and the decorations were pink carnations and ferns. Invited guests from North Carolina were: Miss Emmie Drewry, of Raleigh; Miss Mary Robinson, of Elizabeth City; Miss Marguerite Springs, of Charlotte; Miss Margaret Parker, formerly of Wilmington; Miss Lucy H. Young, formerly of Raleigh; Miss Maude N. Parker, formerly of Wilmington; Mr. Wm. H. Young, of Raleigh; Mr. George James, of Wilmington; Mr. Lloyd Sheep, of Elizabeth City; Mr. William E. White, of Graham; Mr. Frederick L. Carr, of Greene; Mr. Louis B. Hale, of Fayetteville."

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Quaint old Calvary church, Tarboro, N. C., which was very handsomely decorated for the occasion, Wednesday was the scene of one of the most beautiful marriage ceremonies ever witnessed in that city, when at high noon Mr. Donald Lattimer McBryde was united in marriage to Miss Lucie Mercer Pender, Rev. H. H. Harding, officiating. Mr. Benjamin T. McBryde, brother of the groom, acted as best man, and Miss Kate Pender as maid of honor. The following were the bride's maids and groomsmen: Miss Eagles with Mr. Geo. McNeill, of Fayetteville; Miss Jenkins with Mr. McNair, of Maxton; Miss Lawrence with Mr. S. Ruffin Horne, of Fayetteville. Little Miss Pender, daughter of Mayor James Pender, was the ring bearer. Messrs. Pennington, Simmons, Cobb, Thigpen and Jenkins were the ushers. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the hospitable home of Mayor James Pender, where they were tendered an elegant reception, after which Mr. and Mrs. McBryde left on the northbound Atlantic Coast Line train for Washington, D. C., New York and other Northern cities.

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Miss Charlotte Fennell
At Home
February 9th, 1906,
8:30 to 11 o'clock
R. S. V. P. Cards.

The beautiful birthday entertainment given by Mr. and Mrs. Hardy L. Fennell to their daugther, Miss Charlotte Fennell, will long be remembered by the guests, who were felicitous in their expressions of best wishes for many, many happy returns. The tastefully appointed Fennell home was made more beautiful by the unostentatious decorations of potted plants and flowers. The color scheme of pink and white was perfectly carried out, and an animated scene of youth and beauty, lent additional charm to the pleasures of the evening. The refreshments added to the effectiveness of the color idea, and were most deftly served. Miss Fennell's invited guests were: Misses Edith Butler, Ella Jacobs, Daisy Burbank, Marguerite Walker, Thurber Gore, Ray Sneed, Theo. Cantwell, Annette Munds, Helen Clark; Amoret Lord, Mararet Ashe, Laura Clark, Florrie Graat, Anne Hill Holmes, Isabelle Smallbones, Isabelle Williams, Blanche Morton, Bessie Watters, Katie Grainger, Julia Harrison, Maria Mafflt, Luciana Poisson, Blanche Parsley, Anne Parsley, Amoret Wootten, and Messrs. Howard McClintock, Emmett Crow, Ernest Peschau, Horace P. Reeves, Willie Peschau, George Lynch, Ed. Holmes, John Myers, Harry West, Zack Bell, Richard Gaines, Sheppard Pender, Tom Gause, James Gause, Clarence Myers, Norwood Huske, Haughton James, Richard L. Meares, Will Gore, Waddell Watters, M. Ashley Curtis, Fred McNeil, Alva CCurtis, Wm. L. Walker, Brown McKoy, Herbert O'Neil, George Jackson Joe Jacobs, Rob James, Will Pennington and James Edward Simmons, of Tarboro.

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Mrs. William Harriss Howell, of Wilmington, N. C., was the guest of honor, Monday evening at a pleasantly informal afternoon tea, given for her in Jacksonville, Fla., by Mrs. W. W. Roberts. The cozy rooms were attractively arranged with pot plants, plomosa and cut flowers, and the guests who called early in the afternoon, remained to enjoy the interesting conversation, and the merry chat which went to make the occasion more like a pleasant social gathering than the usual formal tea. In the pretty parlor brides-maid roses were the flowers used, on the mantel, and wherever they would add to the general attractiveness. Receiving were Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Howell, daintily gowned in pretty afternoon house toilettes. In the library, a daintily appointed punch table was charmingly presided at by Mrs. R. L. May; and at the coffee table were Mrs. John S. Franz and Mrs. John Boyd, of Jacksonville. The dining room was prettily decorated in green and white. The serving table had as its centerpiece a cut galss vase of white carnations. The delicious salad was served on the crispest of green lettuce leaves, and dainty white sandwiches, and stuffed olives, were appetizingly served. Fancy bon bons in green and white, were also served. Presiding were: Mrs. George W. Thames and Mrs. Yates Thompson, of Savannah, Ga. The Times-Union society editor says Mrs. Howell is a very charming woman, and her sister's friends were delighted at the opportunity to meet her that afternoon.

THE WAYCROSS SHOPS.

Waycross, Ga., Feb. 3.—A problem that cannot easily be solved is confronting the people of Waycross. It is being discussed in meetings of the Waycross Chamber of Commerce, and is talked about on the streets wherever and whenever there is a gathering of any number of citizens.

What plan can be adopted that will insure the construction of at least 1,-900 dwelling houses in this city within the next twelve or eighteen months? This is the problem that the Waycross people are trying to solve and which is causing no little worry. The necessity of this great building boom is the decision of the Atlantic Coast Line to construct their $1,000,000 car and locomotive repair shops here.

The people only recently began to grasp the immensity of the improvements to be made here, and as the preparation for the commencement of actual work on the shop buildings proceed the present inability of Waycross to house the large increase in population is shown.

During the last two weeks the scarcity of vacant dwelling houses in Waycross has been forcibly brought to ths minds of the business men when contractors who are bidding on the construction work of the shops have attempted to secure quarters for men who they intend to employ in the construction work. One contractor from New York, who expects to secure part of the contract, and who will employ several hundred men has already decided to erect a large number of temporary houses for his men, should he be successful in securing a contract.

Others are figuring on purchasing tents to give shelter to their workmen, and as the matter now stands, shelter of this kind will have to be provided for most of the men employed on the work.

Many people from the surounding States have visited Waycross recently with the view of entering business here, but there are no store buildings for lease. New business houses will have to be built, a further task for the capitalist.

By Rail and Water

The Louisville and Nashville shops at Louisville are now turning out locomotives at the rate of one a week, and are gradually relieving the distress of division superintendents all along the line.

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Jacksonville's "Jim Crow" ordinance, separating the races on the street cars in Jacksonville, Fla., has been declared valid by the Supreme Court of the State. Attorneys for the colored people fighting the ordinance say that it will be apepaled to the United States Supreme Court.

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Nash county people are up in arms with the Coast Line over the alleged bad condition of the Nashville, N. C., branch of that system. The Corporation Commission have had a look over the situation, the A. C. L. officials have inspected the trackage, etc., and material improvement will no doubt result.

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The official report of W. H. Meynardie, station master, shows that exactly eighty-four passenger trains, running on regular schedules, enter and depart from Jacksonville daily during the Winter season. This is exclusive of many special trains that are also run in and out of the union station at Jacksonville.

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The Norfolk and Western Railroad has just closed a contract with the American Locomotive Works for seventy-five big twelve wheel engines. The locomotives will be built after the design of W. H. Lewis, superintendent of motive power of the Norfolk and Western Railway. It is estimated that the contract will involve more than a million-dollar outlay by the railroad.

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The task that the Waycross people will have to undertake is to provide dwelling houses for the 2,000 workmen, who will be employed in the shops after their completion. Waycross is as able financially as the average town of this size, but the undertaking of making a city of no little proportions in so short a time will require the greatest efforts of its citizens.

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The Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company, which will inaugurate steamer service to Wilmington this week in connection with the Georgetown, S. C. line, has offices in the Union Trust Building in Baltimore. Mr. Mason L. Weems Williams is general manager of the company; Mr. B. A. Munnerlyn, agent at Georgetown, and Mr. Frank McCabe, agent at Charleston.

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There is an effort being made by the railroads and others interested in the 1906 reunion of Confederate Veterans to get the date for the reunion at New Orleans changed. It has been announced that the reunion dates are April 26th to 28th. This is inconvenient, because April 26th is the Confederate Memorial Day in many of the States interested in sending delegations to the reunion. It is possible that there will be a change in the dates announced within the next few weeks.

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Savannah News: "Mr. Thomas E. Myers, travelling passenger agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, with headquarters here, left Monday for New York on the New York and Florida Special of the Coast Line. Mr. Myers will be absent about a month. While in New York he will assist the local passenger agents in soliciting tourist traffic for his road. There will be a temporary appointment of a passenger agent to look after the duties of Mr. Myers while he is away."

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It is announced that the Carolina Timber Company, of Wilmington, expects in the near future to build a railroad from Clinton, Sampson county, to some point on the Coast Line or Seaboard Air Line near the North east river for the purpose of freighting logs to Wilmington for the Cape Fear and Angola Lumber companies. Both lumber companies are practically a part of the Carolina Timber Company and have valuable holdings of timber in the territory proposed to be traversed by the road, which will be about 40 miles in length.

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The first of a consignment of ten new passenger cars for the Florida East Coast Railway were put in service last week. The coaches are said to be the finest that have ever been run into Florida. They are of exceptional length, being 70 feet long and of extra weight, being as heavy as the sleeping cars. At the front of thtse cars is located a large and comfortable smoking compartment, consisting of two large and two smaller upholstered seats, almost the width of the car. It is the most convenient and spacious smoking compartment to be found on any day coaches in the country.

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Col. W. F. Kay has removed from Waycross, Ga., to Jacksonville to make that city his permanent home. His family will shortly join him there. Col. Kay is assistant general counsel of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway and his offices for the present will be in the Astor building, corner of Hogan and Bay streets. Later the offices will be in the new Consolidated Naval Stores building, on East Bay street. Col. Kay has entire charge over the territory of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway in Alabama, Georgia and Florida, and has full charge of all counsels for the road in those States. Col. Kay is one of the most prominent lawyers in the South, and is well known to the most prominent people of Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

The South Carolina Senate has passed a bill authorizing the State railroad Commission to appoint a machinist to look after locomotives and condemn them if unfit for service.

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The Jacksonville Times-Union in speaking of the trial of Frank Mehlig in the Federal Court in that city for violating the injunction prohibiting him from dealing further in scalpers' tickets, upon complaint of the Atlantic Coast Line and other roads, says: "In passing sentence Judge Boarman said to Mehlig: 'You said at the hearing that you or the other side swore falsely. I took the view that the former was correct. You are sentenced to pay a fine of $100 and the costs of this suit and be imprisoned in jail for ten days'. As the court has directed the United States Attorney to proceed further against Mehlig, it is possible that he will have a hard time of it, for the further proceedings will no doubt take the form of action for alleged perjury, as the court has stated openly that he believed Mehlig swore falsely at the hearing."

The Two Vanrevels

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CHAPTER VIII.

MR. CAREWE was already at the breakfast table, but the light of his countenance, hidden behind the Rouen Journal, was not vouchsafed to his daughter when she took her place opposite him, nor did he see fit to return her morning greeting, from which she generously concluded that the burning of the two warehouses had meant a severe loss to him.

"I am so sorry, father," she said gently. (She had not called him "papa" since the morning after her ball.) "I hope it isn't to be a great trouble to you." There was no response, and after waiting for some time she spoke again rather tremulously, yet not timidly, "Father?"

He rose, and upon his brow were marked the blackest lines of anger she had ever seen, so that she leaned back from him, startled, but he threw down the open paper before her on the table and struck it with his clinched fist.

"Read that!" he said, and he stood over her while she read.

There were some grandiloquent headlines: "Miss Elizabeth Carewe an Angel of Mercy! Charming Belle Saves the Lives of Five Prominent Citizens! Her Presence of Mind Prevents Conflagration From Wiping Out the City!" It may be noted that Will Cummings, editor and proprietor of the Journal, had written these tributes as well as the whole account of the evening's transactions, and Miss Betty loomed as large in Will's narrative as in his good and lovelorn heart. There was very little concerning the fire in the Journal. It was nearly all about Betty. That is one of the misfortunes which pursue a lady who allows an editor to fall in love with her.

However, there was a scant mention of the arrival of the volunteers "upon the scene," though none at all at the cause of their delay, and an eloquent paragraph was devoted to their handsome appearance, Mr. Cummings having been one of those who insisted that the new uniforms should be worn. "Soon," said the Journal, "through the daring of the chief of the department and the captain of the hook and ladder company, one of whom placed and mounted the grappling ladder, [illegible] which he was immediately followed by the other carrying the hose, a stream was sent to play upon the devouring element, a feat of derring-do personally witnessed by a majority of our readers. Mr. Vanrevel and Mr. Gray were joined by Eugene Madrillon, Tappingham Marsh and the editor of this paper, after which occurred the unfortunate accident to the long ladder, leaving the five named gentlemen in their terrible predicament, face to face with death in its most awful form. At this frightful moment"— And all the rest was about Miss Carewe.

As Will himself admitted, he had "laid himself out on that description." One paragraph was composed of short sentences, each beginning with the word "alone." "Alone she entered the shattered door! Alone she set foot upon the first flight of stairs! Alone she ascended the second! Alone she mounted the third! Alone she lifted her hand to the trap! Alone she opened it!" She was declared to have made her appearance to the unfortunate prisoners on the roof, even as "the palm laden dove to the despairing Noah," and Will also asserted repeatedly that she was the "heroine of the hour."

Miss Betty blushed to see her name so blazoned forth in print, but she lacked one kind of vanity and failed to find good reason for more than a somewhat troubled laughter, the writer's purpose was so manifestly kind in spite of the bizarre result.

"Oh, I wish Mr. Cummings hadn't!" she exclaimed. "It would have been better not to speak of me at all, of course. But I can't see that there is anything to resent. It is so funny!"

"Funny!" Mr. Carewe repeated the word in a cracked falsetto, with the evident intention of mocking her, and at the same time hideously contorted his face into a grotesque idiocy of expression, pursing his lips so extremely and setting his brows so awry that his other features were carried out of all familiar likeness, effecting an alteration as shocking to behold in a man of his severe cast of countenance as was his falsetto mimicry to hear. She rose in a kind of terror, perceiving that this contortion was produced in burlesque of her own expression, and as he pressed nearer her stepped back, overturning her chair. She had little recollection of her father during her childhood, and as long as she could remember no one had spoken to her angrily or even roughly.

As she retreated from him he leaned forward, thrusting the hideous mask closer to her white and horror stricken face.

"You can't see anything to resent in that!" he gibbered. "It's so funny, is it? Funny! Funny! Funny! I'll show you whether it's funny or not! I'll show you!" His voice rose almost to a shriek. "You hang around fires, do you, on the public streets at night? You're a nice one for me to leave in charge of my house while I'm away, you trollop! What did you mean by going up on that roof? You knew that rascal Vanrevel was there! You did, I say, you knew it!"

She ran toward the door with a frightened cry. But he got between it and her, menacing her with his upraised open hands, shaking them over her.

"You're a lovely daughter, aren't you?" he shouted hoarsely. "You knew perfectly well who was on that roof, and you went. Didn't you go? Answer me that! If I'd had arms about me when I got there I'd have shot that man dead! He was on my property giving orders, the black hound! And when I ordered him out he told me if I interfered with his work before it was finished he'd have me thrown out—me that owned the whole place—and there wasn't a man that would lend me a pistol! 'Rescue!' You'd better rescue him from me, you palm laden dove, for I'll shoot him, I will! I'll kill that dog, and he knows it. He can bluster in a crowd, but he'll hide now! He's a coward and"—

"He came home with me. He brought me home last night!" Her voice rang out in the room like that of some other person, and she hardly knew that it was herself who spoke.

"You lie!" he screamed, and fell back from her, his face working as though under the dominance of some physical disorder, the flesh of it plastic beyond conception, so that she cried out and covered her face with her arm. "You lie! I saw you at the hedge with Crailey Gray, though you thought I didn't. What do you want to lie like that for? Vanrevel didn't even speak to you. I asked Madrillon. You lie!"

He choked upon the words. A racking cough shook him from head to foot. He staggered back and dropped upon her overturned chair, his arms beating the table in front of him, his head jerking spasmodically backward and forward as he gasped for breath.

"Ring the bell!" he panted thickly, with an incoherent gesture. "Nelson knows! Ring!"

Nelson evidently knew. He brought brandy and water from the sideboard with no stinting hand, and within ten minutes Mr. Carewe was in his accustomed seat, competent to finish his breakfast.

For Miss Betty had fled to her own room and had bolted the door. She lay upon the bed, shuddering and shivering with nausea and cold, though the day was warm. After a time she began to grow quieter, turned and lay

"You're a lovely daughter, aren't you?"

with wet eyes staring unseeingly at the wall, her underlip quivering with the deep intake of each broken sigh.

"Missy!" There came a soft knock upon the door and the clink of silver upon china. "Missy!"

"What is it?"

So quick was Miss Betty that, although she answered almost at once, the tears were washed away and she was passing a cool, wet towel over her eyes at the moment she spoke.

"Jass me. I brung yo' breakfas', honey."

Old Nelson's voice was always low and gentle, with a quaver and hesitancy in the utterance. Now it was tender and comforting with the comprehension of one in suffering, the extraordinary fact which the old of his race nearly all come to possess. "Lil'l chicken wing on piece brown toast, honey."

When she opened the door he came in, bending attentively over his tray, and without a glance toward his young mistress made some show of fuss and bustle as he placed it upon a table near the window and drew up a chair for her so that she could sit with her back to the light.

"Dah, now!" he exclaimed softly, removing the white napkin and displaying other dainties besides the chicken wing. "Dass de way! Dat ole Mamie in de kitchen, she got her fallin's an' her grievin' sins, but de way she do han'le chicken an' biscuit sutney ain't none on 'em. She plead fo' me to ax you how you like dem biscuit."

He kept his head bent low over the table, setting a fork closer to Betty's hand; arranging the plates, then rearranging them, but never turning his eyes in her direction.

"Has father gone out, Nelson?" asked Betty in a low voice.

"Yes'm; he uptown." The old man's tone sank at once to the level of her own; became confidential, as one speaks to another in a room where somebody is ill. "He mekkin' perpetration to go down de rivuh dis aft'noon. He say he done broke de news to you dat he goin' 'way. Dey goin' bull' dem wa'house righ up, an' yo' pa he neciate go way 'count de contrack. He be gone two week, honey," Nelson finished without too much the air of imparting cheery tidings, but with just enough.

"I am to stay here alone?"

"Law', no, missy! Dat big Miz Tanberry, dass de bes' frien' we all got, she home ag'in, an' yo' pa goin' invite her visit at de house whiles he gone, an' to stay a mont' aftuh he git back, too, soze she kin go to all de doin's an' junketin's wid you and talk wid de young mens dat you don' like whiles you talks wid dem you does like."

"What time will father come home?"

"Home? He be gone two week, honey!"

"No; I mean today."

"Law', he ain' comin' back! Bid me pack de trunk an' ca'y um down to de boat at noon. Den he bid me say far'-ye-well an' a kine goodby fo' him, honey. Say he thinks you ain't feelin' too well, soze he won't 'sturb ye hisself, an' dat he upestly do hope you goin' have splen'id time whiles he trablin'." (Nelson's imagination covered many deficits in his master's courtesy.) "Say he reckon you an' ole Miz Tanberry goin' git 'long mighty nice wid one'nurr. An' dass what me an' Mamie reckon 'spechually boun' to take place, 'case dat a mighty gay lady, dat big Miz Tanberry, an' ole frien' 'er owah fambly. She 'uz a frien' er yo' mom-ma's, honey."

Miss Betty had begun by making a pretense to eat only to please the old man, but the vain woman's cookery had not been unduly extolled, and Nelson laughed with pleasure to see the fluffy biscuits and the chicken wing not nibbled at, but actually eaten. He was an old house servant; therefore he had seen many young ladies go through unhappy hours, and he admired Miss Betty the more because she was the first who had indulged in strong weeping and did not snuffle at intervals afterward. He understood perfectly everything that had passed between father and daughter that morning.

When her breakfast was finished she turned slowly to the window, and, while her eyes did not refill, a slight twitching of the upper lids made him believe that she was going over the whole scene again in her mind, whereupon he began to move briskly about the room with a busy air, picking up her napkin, dusting a chair with his hand, exchanging the position of the andirons in the fireplace, and, apparently discovering that the portrait of Georges Meilhac was out of line, he set it awry, then straight again, the while he hummed an old "spiritual" of which only the words "Chain de lion down" were allowed to be quite audible. They were repeated often, and at each repetition of them he seemed profoundly, though decorously, amused in a way which might have led to a conjecture that the refrain bore some distant reference to his master's eccentricity of temper. At first he chuckled softly, but at the final iteration of "Chain de lion down" burst into outright laughter.

"Honey, my Law'," he exclaimed, "but yo' pa de 'celvin'dest man! He mighty proud er you!"

"Proud of me!" She turned to him in astonishment.

Nelson's laughter increased. "Hain't he jass de 'celvin'dest man? Yessuh, he de sot uppest man in dis town 'count what you done last night. What he say dis mawn', dat jass his way!"

"Ah, no!" said Miss Betty sadly.

"Yes'm! He proud er you, but he teahbul mad at dat man. He hain't mad at you, but he gotter cuss somebody. Jass reach out fo' de nighes' he kin lay han's on, an' dis mawn' it happen soze it were you, honey. Uhuh! You oughter hearn him las' night when he come home. Den it were me. Bless God, I ain't keerin'. He weren't mad at me, no mo'n he were at you. He jass mad."

Miss Betty looked at the old fellow keenly. He remained, however, apparently unconscious of her scrutiny and occupied himself with preparations for removing the tray.

"Nelson, what is the quarrel between my father and Mr. Vanrevel?"

He had lifted the tray, but set it down precipitately, bending upon her a surprised and sobered countenance.

"Missy," he said gravely, "dey big trouble 'twix dem two."

"I know," she returned quietly. "What is it?"

"Wha' fo' you ax me, missy?"

"Because you're the only one I can ask. I don't know any one here well enough except you."

Nelson's lips puckered solemnly. "Mist' Vanrevel vote Whig, but he ag'in Texas."

"Well, what if he is?"

"Yo' pa mighty strong fo' Texas."

"Is that all?"

"No'm, dat ain't hardly de beginnin'. Mist' Vanrevel he a ab'litionist."

"Well? Won't you tell me?"

"Honey, folks roun' heah mos' on 'em like Mist' Vanrevel so well dey ain't hole it up ag'in' him; but, missy, ef dey one thing topper God's worl' yo' pa do desp'itly and contestably despise, hate, cuss an' outrageously 'dominate wuss'n a yaller August spiduh it are a ab'litionist. He want stomple 'em eve'y las' one under he boot heel 'cep'n dat one Mist' Crailey Gray. Dey's a considabul sprinklin' er dem ab'litionist 'bout de kentry honey. Dey's mo' dat don' know w'ich dey is, an' dey's mo' still dat don' keer. Soze dat why dey go git up a quo'l 'twix yo' pa an' dat man, an' 'range to have 'er on a platfawm de yenh 'fo' de las' campaign, an', suh, dey call de quo'l a debate, an' all de folks come in f'um de kentry, an' all de folks in town come too. De whole possetucky on 'em sit an' listen.

"F'us' yo' pa talk. Den Mist' Vanrevel, bofe on 'em mighty cole an' civ-ilized. Den yo' pa git wo'm up, missy, like he do, 'case he so meeter have his own way. 'Tain't his fault, he jass cain't help hollerin' an' cussin' if anybody 'pose him. But Mist' Vanrevel he jass as suvvige, but he stay cole, w'ich make yo' pa all de hotter. He

"Honey, but yo' pa de 'celvin'dest man!"

holler mighty strong, missy, an' some de back ranks 'gun snickerin' at him. Uhuh! He fu'r jump, he did. An' den bimeby Mist' Vanrevel he say dat no man oughter be given de pliverige to sell another ner to wollop him wid a blacksnake, whether he 'buse dat pliverige er not. 'My honabul 'ponent,' s's he, 'Mist' Carewe, rep'sent in hisself de 'ristocratic slave ownin' class er de souf, do' he live in de nawf an' 'ploy free labor. Yit it sca'sely to be b'lieve dat any er you would willin'ly trus' him wid de powah er life an' death ovah yo' own chillun, w'ich is virchously what de slave ownah p'sess.'

"Missy, you jass oughter see yo' pa den! He blue in de face an' dance de quadrille on de bon'ds. He leave his cha'h, git up an' run 'cross to de odder side de platfawm an' shake he fis' ovah dat man's head an' screech out how it all lies dat de slaves evah 'ceive sich treatments. 'Dat all lies, yo' pu'-juh!' he holler. 'All lies, you misabul thief!' he holler. 'All lies, an' yo' know it, yo' low bawn slandah' an' scoun'lel'

"An' wid dat Mist' Vanrevel he laff in yo' pa face an' tuhn to de crowd, he did, an' say, 'You reckon dat if dish yuh man a slave ownah an' a slave had anguhed him as I have anguhed him tonight, does any er you b'lieve dat dat slave wouldn' be tied up an' whipped tell de blood run an' den sole down de rivuh tomorrer?'

"Well, suh, 'co'se mos' on 'em b'lieve same as yo' pa, but dat sutney fotch 'em, an' win de debate, 'case dey jass natchully lay back an' roah, dey did, missy. Dey laff an' stomp an' holler tell you could 'a' hearn 'em a mild away. An', honey, yo' pa'd a millyum times drudher Mist' Vanrevel a kilt him dan tuhn de laff on him. He'd shoot a man, honey, ef he jass s'picion him to grin out de corndr his eye at him, an' to stan' up dah wid de whole county fa'r roahin' at him—it's de God's mussy he didn' have no ahms wid him dat night. Ole Mist' Chen'eth done brung him home, an' yo' pa reach out an' kick me squah out'n' de liberry winder soon's he ketch sight er me." The old man's gravity gave way to his enjoyment of the recollection, and he threw back his head to laugh. "He sho' did, honey! Uhuh! Ho, ho, ho! He sho' did, honey; he sho' did!"

Nevertheless, as he lifted the tray again and crossed the room to go, his solemnity returned. "Missy," he said earnestly, "ef dat young gelmun fall in love wid you, w'ich I knows he will ef he ketch sight er you, lemme say dis, an' please fo' to ba'h in mine—better have nuttin' do wid him 'tall fo' he own sake, an' 'bove all keep him fur 'way f'um dese p'emises. Don' let him come in a mild er dis house."

"Nelson, was that all the quarrel between them?"

"Blessed mussy, ain' dat 'nough? Ef dey's any mo' I ain' hearn what dat part were," he answered quickly, but with a dogged tightening of the lips which convinced Miss Betty that he knew very well.

"Nelson, what was the rest of it?"

"Please, missy, I got pack yo' pa trunk, an' it time long ago fer me to

"My charming girl!"

be at my wu'k. [illegible] out of the door.

"What was the rest of it?" she repeated quietly.

"Now, honey," he returned, with a deprecatory shake of his head, "I got my own wu'k 'tend to, an' I ain't nevah ax nobody what 'twas, an' I ain't goin' ax 'em. An' lemme jass beg you foller de ole man's advice. You do de same, 'case nobody ain't goin' tell you. All I know is dat it come later and were somep'n 'bout dat ripraria Crailey Gray. Yo' pa he sent a channelge to Mist' Vanrevel, an' Mist' Vanrevel 'fuse to fight him 'case he say he don' b'lieve shootin' yo' pa goin' do yo' pa any good, an' he still got hope mekkin' good citizen outer him. Dat brung de laff on yo' pa ag'in, an' he 'clare to God ef he ketch Vanrevel on any groun' er his'n he shoot him like a mad dog. 'Pon my livin' soul, he mean dem wuds, missy! Dey had hard 'nough time las' night keepin' him f'um teahin' dat man to pieces at de fish. You mus' keep dat young gelmun 'way f'um heah!"

"He came home with me last night, Nelson. I told father so."

"Yes'm. Yo' pa tole me you say dat, but he reckon you done it to mek him madder, 'case you mad too. He say he done see dat Crailey Gray comin' 'long de hedge wid you."

"He was mistaken. It was Mr. Vanrevel."

Nelson rolled his eyes fervently to heaven. "Den dat young man run pintedly on he death! Ef you want keep us all dis side er de Jawdan rivuh dou' let him set foot in dis neighbo'hood when yo' pa come back! An', honey"—his voice sank to a penetrating whisper—"'fo' I do a lick er wu'k I go in' out in de stable an' git down on my knees an' retu'n thanksgivin' to de good God 'case he hole Carewe street in de dahkness las' night!"

This was the speech he chose for his exit, but after closing the door behind him he opened it again and said cheerfully:

"Soon's I git de trunk fix f' yo' pa I bring 'roun' dat bay colt wid de side-saddle. Yo' better set 'bout gittin' on yo' ridin' habit, missy. De roads is mighty good dis sunshiny wedduh."

"Nelson."

"Yes'm."

"Do you think such an attack as father had this morning—is—dangerous?"

He had hoped for another chance to laugh violently before he left her, and this completely fitted his desire. "Ho, ho, ho!" he shouted. "No'm; no, no, honey! He jass git so mad it mek him sick! You couldn't kill dat man wid a broadax, missy!"

And he went down the hall leaving the reverberations of his hilarity behind him. The purpose of his visit had been effected, for when Miss Betty appeared upon the horse block in her green habit and gauntlets she was smiling, so that only a woman—or a wise old man—could have guessed that she had wept bitterly that morning.

She cantered out to the flat, open country to the east, where she found soft dirt roads that were good for the bay colt's feet, and she reached a crossroad several miles from town before she was overcome by the conviction that she was a wicked and ungrateful girl. She could not place the exact spot of her guilt, but she knew it was there, somewhere, since she felt herself a guilty thing.

For the picture which Nelson had drawn rose before her—the one man standing alone in his rage on the platform, overwhelmed by his calm young adversary, beaten and made the butt of laughter for a thousand. Her father had been in the wrong in that quarrel, and somehow she was sure, too, he must have been wrong in the "personal" one as well—the mysterious difficulty over Fanchon's Mr. Gray, who had looked so ashamed last night. What feud could they make over him, of all people in the world? He looked strong enough to take care of his own quarrels, even if he was so rigorously bound by Fanchon's apron string when it came to a word with another girl.

But the conclusion that her father had been in error did not lessen the pathetic appeal of the solitary figure facing the ridicule of the crowd. She felt that he always honestly believed himself in the right. She knew that he was vain; that he had an almost monstrous conception of his dignity, and realizing the bitterness of that public humiliation which he had undergone she understood the wrath, the unspeakable pain and sense of outrage which must have possessed him.

And now she was letting him go forth upon a journey, his way beset with the chances of illness and accident, whence he might never return. She was letting him go without seeing him again, letting him go with no word of farewell from his daughter. In brief, she was a wicked girl. She turned the colt's head abruptly to the west and touched his flanks with her whip.

So it fell out that as the packet foamed its passage backward from Carewe's wharf into the current the owner of the boat, standing upon the hurricane deck, heard a cry from the shore and turned to behold his daughter dash down to the very end of the wharf on the well lathered colt. Miss Betty's hair was blown about her face, her cheeks were rosy, her eager eyes sparkling from more than the hard riding.

"Papa," she cried, "I'm sorry!"

She leaned forward out of the saddle, extending her arms to him appealingly in a charming gesture and, absolutely ignoring the idlers on the wharf and the passengers on the steamer, was singly intent upon the tall figure on the hurricane deck. "Papa, goodby. Please forgive me!"

"By the Almighty, but that's a fine woman!" said the captain of the boat to a passenger from Rouen. "Is she his daughter?"

and cessation that, until Miss Betty became accustomed to the habit, she was apt to start slightly at each salvo. "I had a husband—once," the lady resumed, "but only once, my friend! He had ideas like your father's—your father is such an imbecile—and he thought that wives, sisters, daughters and such like ought to be obedient—that is, the rest of the world was wrong unless it was right, and right was just his own little teeny squeeny prejudices and emotions dressed up for a crazy masquerade as facts. Poor man! He lasted only about a year!" And Mrs. Tanberry laughed heartily.

"They've been at me time and again to take another." She lowered her voice and leaned toward Betty confidentially. "Not I! I'd be willing to engage myself to Crailey Gray (though Crailey hasn't got round to me yet), for I don't mind just being engaged, my dear, but they'll have to invent something better than a man before I marry

"Please forgive me," the clear voice came again, with its quaver of entreaty, across the widening water, and then as Mr. Carewe made no sign by word or movement of hearing her and stood without the slightest alteration of his attitude she cried to him once more:

"Goodby!"

The paddle wheels reversed, the boat swung down the river, Mr. Carewe still standing immovable on the hurricane deck, while to the gaze of those on the steamer the figure on the bay colt at the end of the wharf began to grow smaller and smaller. She was waving her handkerchief in farewell, and they could see the little white speck in the distance, dimmer and dimmer, yet fluttering still as they passed out of sight round the bend nearly three-quarters of a mile below.

CHAPTER IX.

BETTY never forgot her first sight of the old friend of her family. Returning with a sad heart, she was walking the colt slowly through the carriage gates when an extravagantly stout lady in green muslin, illustrated with huge red flowers, came out upon the porch and waved a fat arm to the girl. The visitor wore a dark green turban and a cashmere shawl, while the expanse of her skirts was nothing short of magnificent. Some cathedral dome seemed to have been misplaced and the lady dropped into it. Her outstretched hand terrified Betty. How was she to approach near enough to take it?

Mrs. Tanberry was about sixty, looked forty, and at first you might have guessed she weighed nearly 300, but the lightness of her smile and the actual buoyancy which she somehow imparted to her whole dominion lessened that by at least a hundredweight. She ballooned out to the horse block with a billowy rush somewhere between bounding and soaring, and Miss Betty slid down from the colt, who shied violently, to find herself enveloped, in spite of the dome, in a vast surf of green and red muslin.

"My charming girl!" exclaimed the lady vehemently in a voice of such husky richness, of such merriment and unction of delight, that it fell upon Miss Betty's ear with more of the quality of sheer gayety than any she had ever heard. "Beautiful child! What a beautiful child you are!"

She kissed the girl resoundingly on both cheeks, stepped back from her and laughed and clapped her fat hands, which were covered with flashing rings. "Oh, but you are a true blue beauty! You're a princess! I am Mrs. Tanberry, Jane Tanberry, young Janie Tanberry. I haven't seen you since you were a baby and your pretty mother was a girl like us!"

"You are so kind to come," said Betty hesitatingly. "I shall try to be very obedient."

"Obedient!" Mrs. Tanberry uttered the word with a shriek. "You'll be nothing of the kind. I am the light mindedest woman in the universe, and any one who obeyed me would be embroiled in everlasting trouble every second in the day. You'll find that I am the one that needs looking after, my charmer."

She tapped Miss Betty's cheek with her jeweled fingers as the two mounted the veranda steps. "It will be worry enough for you to obey yourself. A body sees that at the first blush. You have conscience in your forehead and rebellion in your chin. Ha, ha, ha!" Here Mrs. Tanberry sat upon and obliterated a large chair, Miss Carewe taking a stool at her knee.

"People of our age oughtn't to be bothered with obeying. There'll be time enough for that when we get old and can't enjoy anything. Ha, ha!"

Mrs. Tanberry punctuated her observations with short volleys of husky laughter, so abrupt in both discharge any one of 'em again! But I love 'em, I do, the charming Billies! And you'll see how they follow me!" She patted the girl's shoulder, her small eyes beaming quizzically. "We'll have the gayest house in Rouen, ladybird! The young men all go to the Bareauds', but they'll come here now, and we'll have the Bareauds along with 'em. I've been away a long time; just finished unpacking yesterday night when your father came in after the fire. Whoo! What a state he was in, with that temper of his! Didn't I snap him up when he asked me to come and stay with you? Ha, ha! I'd have come even if you hadn't been beautiful, but I was wild to be your playmate, for I'd heard nothing but 'Miss Betty Carewe, Miss Betty Carewe,' from everybody I saw since the minute my stage came in. You set 'em all mad at your ball, and I knew we'd make a glorious houseful, you and I! Some of the vagabonds will turn up this very evening, you'll see if they don't. Ha, ha! The way they follow me!"

Mrs. Tanberry was irresistible. She filled the whole place otherwise than by the mere material voluminousness of her, bubbling over with froth of nonsense which flew through the house, driven by her energy, like sea foam on a spring gale, and the day, so discordantly begun for Miss Betty, grew musical with her own laughter, answering the husky staccato of the vivacious newcomer. Nelson waited upon them at table, radiant, his smile like the keyboard of an ebony piano, and his disappearances into the kitchen were accomplished by means of a surreptitious double shuffle and followed by the cachinnating echoes of the vain Mamie's reception of the visitor's sallies, which Nelson hastily retailed in passing.

Nor was Mrs. Tanberry's prediction allowed to go unfulfilled regarding the advent of those persons whom she had designated as vagabonds. It may have been out of deference to Mr. Carewe's sense of decorum or from a cautious regard of what he was liable to do when he considered that sense outraged that the gallants of Rouen had placed themselves under the severe restraint of allowing three days to elapse after their introduction to Miss Carewe before they "paid their respects at the house;" but, be that as it may, the dictator was now safely under way down the Rouen river, and Mrs. Tanberry reigned in his stead. Thus, at about 8 o'clock that evening, the two ladies sat in the library engaged in conversation, though, for the sake of accuracy, it should be said that Mrs. Tanberry was engaged in conversation, Miss Betty in giving ear, when their attention was arrested by sounds of a somewhat musical nature from the lawn, which sounds were immediately identified as emanating from a flute and violin.

Mrs. Tanberry bounded across the room like a public building caught by a cyclone, and, dashing at the candles, "Blow 'em out, blow 'em out!" she exclaimed, suiting the action to the word in a fluster of excitement.

"Why?" asked Miss Carewe, startled, as she rose to her feet. The candles were out before the question.

"Why!" repeated the merry, husky voice in the darkness. "My goodness, child precious, those vagabonds are here! To think of your never having been serenaded before!"

She drew the girl to the window and pointed to a group of dim figures near the lilac bushes. "The dear, delightful vagabonds!" she chuckled. "I knew they'd come! It's the beautiful Tappingham Marsh with his fiddle and young Jeff Bareaud with his flute and 'Gene Madrillon and little Frank Chenoweth and thin Will Cummings to sing. Hark to the rascals!"

It is perfectly truthful to say that the violin and flute executed the prelude, and then the trio sounded full on the evening air, the more effective chords obligingly drawn out as long as the breath in the singers could hold them in order to allow the two fair auditors complete benefit of the harmony. They sang "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls" and followed it with "Long, Long Ago."

"That," Mrs. Tanberry whispered between stifled gusts of almost uncontrollable laughter, "is meant for just me."

"Tell me the tales that to me were so dear," entreated the trio.

"I told 'em plenty," gurgled the enlivening widow, "and I expect between us we can get up some more."

"Now you are come my grief is removed," they sang.

"They mean your father is on his way to St. Louis," remarked Mrs. Tanberry.

"Let me forget that so long you have roved,
Let me believe that you love as you loved
Long, long ago, long ago."

"Applaud, applaud!" whispered Mrs. Tanberry, encouraging the minstrels by a hearty clapping of hands.

Then the candles were relit and the serenaders invited within. Nelson came bearing cake and wine, and the house was made merry. Presently the romp, Virginia Bareaud, making her appearance on the arm of General Trumble, Mrs. Tanberry led them all in a hearty game of blind man's buff, followed by as hearty a dancing of Dan Tucker. After that, a quadrille being proposed, Mrs. Tanberry suggested that Jefferson should run home and bring Fanchon for the fourth lady. However, Virginia explained that she had endeavored to persuade both her sister and Mr. Gray to accompany the general and herself, but that Mr. Gray had complained of indisposition, having suffered greatly from headache on account of inhaling so much smoke at the warehouse fire, and, of course, Fanchon would not leave him. (Miss Carewe permitted herself the slightest shrug of the shoulders.)

So they danced the quadrille with Jefferson at the piano and Mr. Marsh performing in the character of a lady, a proceeding most unacceptable to the general, whom Mrs. Tanberry forced to be his partner. And thus the evening passed gayly away. Tappingham Marsh spoke the truth, indeed, when he exclaimed in parting, "Oh, rare Mrs. Tanberry!"

But the house had not done with serenades that night. The guests had long since departed; the windows were still and dark under the wan old moon, which had risen lamely, looking unfamiliar and not half itself; the air bore an odor of lateness, and nothing moved, when a delicate harmony stole out of the shadows beyond the misty garden. Low but resonant chords sounded on the heavier strings of a guitar, while above them, upon the lighter wires, rippled a slender, tinkling melody that wooed the slumberer to a delicious half wakefulness as dreamily, as tenderly as the croon of rain on the

So they danced the quadrille.

roof soothes a child to sleep. Under the artist's cunning touch the instrument was both the accompaniment and the song, and Miss Betty, at first taking the music to be a wandering thread in the fabric of her own bright dreams, drifted gradually to consciousness to find herself smiling. Her eyes opened wide, but half closed again with the ineffable sweetness of the sound.

Then a voice was heard, eerily low, yet gallant and clear, a vibrant baritone, singing to the guitar:

"My lady's hair,
That dark delight,
Is both as fair
And dusk as night.
I know some lovelorn hearts that beat
In time to moonbeam twinklings fleet,
That dance and glance like jewels there,
Emblazoning the raven hair.

"Ah, raven hair,
So dark and bright!
What love lies there
Enmeshed tonight?
I know some sighing lads that say
Their hearts were snared and torn away,
And now as pearls one fate they share
Entangled in the raven hair.

"Ah, raven hair,
From such a plight
Could you not spare
One acolyte?
I know a broken heart that went
To serve you but as ornament.
Alas, a ruby now you wear,
Ensanguining the raven hair!"

The song had grown fainter and fainter, the singer moving away as he sang, and the last lines were almost inaudible in the distance. The guitar could be heard for a moment or two more, then silence came again. It was broken by a rustling in the room next to Miss Betty's, and Mrs. Tanberry called softly through the open door:

"Princess, are you awake? Did you hear that serenade?"

After a pause the answer came hesitatingly in a small, faltering voice: "Yes—if it was one. I thought perhaps he was only singing as he passed along the street."

"Aha!" ejaculated Mrs. Tanberry abruptly, as though she had made an unexpected discovery. "You knew better, and this was a serenade that you did not laugh at. Beautiful. I wouldn't let it go any further, even while your father is gone. Something might occur that would bring him home without warning. Such things have happened. Tom Vanrevel ought to be kept far away from this house."

"Oh, it was not he," returned Miss Betty quickly. "It was Mr. Gray. Did not you"—

"My dear," interrupted the other, "Crailey Gray's specialty is talking. Most of the vagabonds can sing and play a bit, and so can Crailey, particularly when he's had a few bowls of punch, but when Tom Vanrevel touches the guitar and lifts up his voice to sing there isn't an angel in heaven that wouldn't quit the place and come to hear him! Crailey wrote those words to Virginia Bareaud. (Her hair is even darker than yours, you know.) That was when he was being engaged to her, and Tom must have set the music to 'em lately and now comes here to sing 'em to you, and well enough they fit you. But you must keep him away, princess."

Nevertheless Betty knew the voice was not that which had bid her look to the stars, and she remained convinced that it belonged to Mr. Crailey Gray, who had been too ill a few hours earlier to leave the Bareaud house, and now, with Fanchon's kisses on his lips, came stealing into her garden and sang to her a song he had made for another girl.

If there was one person in the world whom Miss Betty held in bitter contempt and scorn, it was the owner of that voice and that guitar.

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It is not every day that a daughter of the president gets married, nor is it every president that has a daughter like Alice Roosevelt. So it is not to be wondered at that the American people—and the whole world, for the matter of that—are interested in the event of Feb. 17. Even the kings and emperors are sitting up and taking notice. Practically every potentate of Europe is to send a wedding present. It is said that the pope will honor the occasion by a token of remembrance, and it is not improbable that the sultan of Turkey, the empress dowager of China and the mikado of Japan may get into the game. Your Uncle Samuel has grown big enough to be the fashion, even though his republican notions are not exactly acceptable to the royalties who remain to pester the world.

Let it be said to the honor of Miss Roosevelt that she decided to marry a man rather than a title. That the man is an American is all the better. After the alliance of so many of our heiresses to princes, dukes, counts and other weaklings with noble nicknames this is a grateful variation. This is an age of men, not of titles; of deeds, not of seemings. In America this is especially true, for ours is a land of men and of deeds, and it is well that the daughter of a president who is himself so democratic should thus honor the genius of her country.

Yet high society in Washington long predicted that the daughter of the White House would wed a title. Rumor in that city of rumors has it that there is not an unmarried titled member of any foreign legation at the national capital that has not had designs on her. Besides, the castles of Europe are full of more of the sort. Then there is Asia. She might have been sultana of Sulu. True, she denied that story about the sultan of many wives offering her his hand and the upper left hand corner of his heart, but others of the Taft party insist that the proposal actually took place. It is too good a tale to be snuffed out by a mere denial. Why spoil so exciting a romance by the prosy statement that it is not a fact?

Washington rumor also says—but what does it not say?—that Congressman Longworth had to propose seven times before he was finally accepted. There is a man after our own heart. He deserves her. All the world loves a lover, and especially a lover who knows what he wants and will not take no for an answer. Lucky seven! The mystic number that has been sung by oriental poets and is held in reverence by people even farther west. Never did it turn the trick in a better cause. That union, dependent on a seventh "popping of the question" by a persistent lover, should be a happy one.

One other thing is there that should not be overlooked. Mr. Longworth—the Hon. Nicholas Longworth—to whom be all honor for his good taste, luck and perseverance, hails from Ohio. Does that not solve the riddle? The state that gave to the world a Grant, a Sherman and a Sheridan; where were born a Stanton, a Howells and an Edison; that was the home of one Harrison and the birthplace of another and that was both the home and birthplace of three other presidents; the state of Corwin, Giddings, Chase, Thurman and Taft—to say nothing of Hanna, John Sherman and Rockefeller! There are people who have gone so far as to say that the only thing President Roosevelt lacks is an Ohio birthplace, but if he cannot have a Buckeye birthplace he can at least afford a Buckeye son-in-law. He can have the state related to him by matrimony if not by maternity.

As for Nick Longworth, as he is familiarly called by everybody about his two homes at Cincinnati and Washington, he is a thoroughbred. Moreover, he has wealth, birth, position, education, social distinction and all those things prized by certain classes of people, but withal he possesses the more fundamental qualities of manliness, independence, intellectual stamina and uprightness that are esteemed by every one. His family has been a leading one about Cincinnati since the beginning of the nineteenth century. He can point not only to a grandfather, but a great-grandfather. There are people who would give money for a great-grandfather—in fact, they have been known to do so and have thus had ancestors made to order.

Mr. Longworth also has a great-great-grandfather, but perhaps he would not point to this forbear with so much pride, that worthy having been a Tory at the time of the American Revolution. As a result of his sympathies with George III., his lands near Newark, N. J., were confiscated. This fact caused the great-grandfather, another Nicholas Longworth, by the way, to emigrate to Cincinnati in 1803, when he was twenty-one years of age. He became a lawyer and took the defense of a horse thief for his first case. As a fee he received two copper whisky stills, which he traded for thirty-three acres of land, then in the woods, but now in the very heart of the city. Before he died the land was valued at $2,000,000. He also went in debt to the tune of $5,000 to buy an old pasture lot and was sharply reproved by one of his friends for his extravagance. He lived to see that land worth nearly as much as the other.

He took up grape culture and made it exceedingly profitable. He gathered about him a fine library, rare old paintings and a notable art collection. His son Joseph, the grandfather of the present Nicholas, gave Cincinnati her art museum. Joseph's daughter, now the wife of Bellamy Storer, the American ambassador to Austria-Hungary, was the founder of the famous Rookwood potteries at Cincinnati. She was herself a proficient painter of china, receiving a gold medal at the Paris exposition for her work. Her brother was Nicholas Longworth, father of our Nicholas. Many stories are told of this elder Nick. He was a judge of the Ohio supreme court and was noted for his exceeding gravity. So marked, indeed, was his solemnity that a woman of his acquaintance named her pet owl "Judge Longworth." When the real Judge Longworth was once visiting in her home the entire company was startled, not to say embarrassed, by having a maid burst into the room in great excitement with the shrill announcement: "Madame! Madame! 'Judge Longworth' has laid an egg."

Nicholas Longworth, the real Nick, not the old one, was born Nov. 5, 1869. He was graduated from Harvard in 1891 and was later admitted to the bar, though he never practiced. He preferred to devote himself to art, music, sports, caring for his estates, and finally politics. His first office was that of a member of the Cincinnati school board. He also ran for the legislature, but was defeated. He tried again, and this time was successful. Two years later he went to the state senate, where, in collaboration with the attorney general, he prepared the present municipal code of Ohio. In 1902 he was elected to congress from the First Ohio district and re-elected in 1904.

Congressman Longworth is devoted to out of door life, is an accomplished horseman, boxes, fences and plays ball, tennis and golf. He is not a hunter and fisher, however, and has never been known to indulge in any sport that involves the taking of life. He is a good swimmer and loves the water. His chief recreations, however, are social. He is a familiar figure at banquets, receptions, balls, pink teas and other similar functions and is a favorite wherever he goes. He is a member of exclusive clubs in Cincinnati, Washington and other cities. He is a musician of more than amateur ability, playing well on the violin and piano and even acquitting himself with credit as a singer. He often gives musicales in his home city, which is one of the great music centers of America. But, though devoted to society and popular with women, his feminine admirers had about concluded that he was proof against affairs of the heart—that is, they had so concluded before his attentions to Miss Roosevelt became noticeable. Since then no lover was ever more devoted. The society dames early discovered the direction of the wind, so that wherever the president's daughter was invited Mr. Longworth was included. When Miss Alice would go to Newport or New York he found it convenient likewise to go to Newport or New York. He even journeyed with her in a trip half round the world and back and was so constantly in the company of the fair one that other would be suitors deserted the field.

One of Longworth's sisters is the Countess de Chambrun. At her marriage the Duke of Manchester was present and seemed in a temper because he was not invited to sit at the bride's table. It was explained to him that this was not the custom in America, but the statement failed to mollify his anger. Afterward the noble duke made himself so disagreeable over the incident that Nick Longworth threatened to punch his face, after which Manchester subsided.

There is another story to the effect that on a wager Nick Longworth drove a golf ball through the streets of Cincinnati, though he had to pay for some broken windows as a result of the escapade.

Relative to his love for music, it is stated that George Ward Nichols, an uncle, founded the Cincinnati conservatory and also started the famous musical festivals. Judge Nicholas Longworth also gave freely to promote these enterprises, and the donations have been continued by the son. A friend has said of the popular congressman that "Nick is one of the best amateur violinists in Cincinnati." It is not generally known that he spent several years abroad studying music, but such is the fact. He was a pupil of the celebrated Ysaye, from whom he has many letters and one of whose violins he owned. Later he traded this instrument and another almost equally expensive for a $6,000 Stradivarius, paying $3,000 "to boot." He attends all the best musical concerts and is an enthusiast on the divine art.

In appearance the prospective son-in-law of the president is rather above medium height, of an athletic build and an easy, quick and graceful carriage. His face seems rather long, which effect is heightened by an abnormally high forehead, partially due to baldness. This gives an intellectual cast to a countenance whose features, while regular and handsome, are not especially distinctive. In manner he is not effusive, but cheery and cordial. He is a good story teller and a hail fellow with everybody. He is cautious about going into new enterprises, but once in he lends the whole energy of his character to whatever he has to do.

Mr. Longworth's Cincinnati home is a square, old fashioned mansion, half hidden in vines and called Rookwood. It is situated on the Grandin road and is surrounded by ample grounds beautified by the highest art of a landscape gardener. The house itself of which Alice Roosevelt is to be the future mistress contains rare paintings and art collections, the music room being especially notable.

It is in Mr. Longworth's Washington house, however, that the newly married couple will spend most of their time for at least the next two years owing to his congressional duties. This mansion, situated at Eighteenth and Q streets, only two or three blocks from the White House, is already pointed out to those "seeing Washington." The house is spacious but unpretentious in appearance, and already contains nearly as notable a collection of tapestries, paintings and other works of art as the Cincinnati home. To these will be added the presents given to the bride on her trip to the far east, where Japs, Chinese and Filipinos vied with each other in bestowing costly souvenirs on the "white princess," as they persisted in calling the daughter of the American executive. The tariff duties alone on these articles is said to have amounted to $2,000.

As to the bride herself, she has been in the public eye so much for the past four years that it is hardly worth while to recount here her triumphs, social and otherwise. To say that during this time she has been easily the most conspicuous young woman in the world is but to repeat what has been said often before, both in her own land and abroad. From the day in 1902 when she christened the kaiser's yacht Meteor to the present few weeks have passed that her name has not been in the papers. This has not been alone due to the fact that she is her father's daughter, but in no small degree has been owing to her own piquant, independent and vivacious personality. She is in love with life and gets the joy out of everything. That initial public event in which she stood with Prince Henry and her father and broke the bottle of champagne over the prow of the German emperor's yacht occurred in February, by the way. The short month is a red letter one in her career, it seems, as it is to see her marriage, as it saw her birth, which occurred twenty-two years ago.

Her mother, formerly a Miss Lee of Boston, died three days after the birth of Alice, but the second Mrs. Roosevelt, whom the president married three years later, has been more than a mother to the girl. Miss Roosevelt was educated in private schools till she was eighteen, when she made her debut in Washington society. Before that event not a little of her time was spent with her mother's people in Boston. In the vicinity of their Brookline home Miss Alice has always been popular. The older people cherish her for the sake of her mother, Alice Lee, for whom she was named, and the younger people for her own sake. Wherever she has been—at New York, Boston or Washington—she has ever drawn to her a large number of girl friends, and after she became the cynosure of the world's eyes she yet clung to these companions of her youth. To them she shows her most vivacious and winning side, does acrobatic stunts and skirt dances for their amusement, sings coon songs and makes herself generally so lively that there are no dull moments in her vicinity. There is a dash of originality and audacity about this daughter of her father that is distinctly Rooseveltian.

For example, there is the story of the foreign diplomat who, of course, was dressed in his bravest toggery, with his bosom agleam with medals. Happening in conversation with Miss Roosevelt, she asked him to give the history and signification of the various decorations. Glowingly he told her, in his broken English, and finally, pointing to one, said, "Zat is ze order of ze seven kisses." Quick as a flash she answered, "I'll give you ten for it." But either he lacked gallantry or did not wish to part with the medal, for the offer was not accepted. The same evening she matched quarters with a young officer and shocked some people by flinging back over her shoulder as she left him, "Remember, you owe me $2.50." At another time, it is related of her that she rode in a railway carriage with two young Yale students at her feet and attracted not a little attention by flashing a green snake in their faces ever and anon. When asked what she did with her curious pet she answered that she placed it on the curtain and let it catch flies.

She is original and not bound by fashion unless it suits her. She is distinctively a shirt waist girl, and while she dresses tastily and well does not affect extensive and lavishly expensive wardrobes and is not a slave to clothes. Yet the most aristocratic society of Washington—and few cities have a set more exclusive—has looked on her with approving eyes and murmured, "She'll do." One summer at Newport she introduced the innovation of carrying a cane and did it with such a chic grace that she made it the style. She is quite an expert sleight of hand performer and often entertains small groups by doing difficult feats in this line. When needing a hat for egg tricks or the like she uses her father's cowboy sombrero. Her penchant for startling things was shown by the fact that she was the first woman on earth to go down in a submarine boat, taking a trip to the bottom of Narragansett bay at least two years before President Roosevelt made the world gasp by a similar feat.

Despite all this Alice Roosevelt has a shrinking side, dislikes the publicity of her position, or did before she got used to it, and refused for years to permit a photograph of herself to be taken. It was only the ruse of a clever artist, painting her in an antiquated hat and threatening to use the picture unless he could get a photo, that caused her to sit for a likeness, but the shy slip of a girl of four years ago, at which time this incident occurred, is hardly the Alice Roosevelt of today. She has grown in poise, in experience and in beauty.

Alice Roosevelt's appreciation of her father has been shown on many occasions. At the launching of the Meteor her first glance after the christening was not at Prince Henry or the assembled thousands, but at the familiar face beside her, and the answering look of Theodore Roosevelt showed that he understood. At another time Miss Roosevelt left the senate gallery in high indignation because Senator Carmack of Tennessee had spoken in criticism of the president. It was an impulsive act that would not have been done by one more trained in the ways of the world, but it revealed what was in the girl's heart.

Alice Roosevelt's trip to the far east was the climax of her girlhood. Prior to that time she had visited Cuba and Porto Rico, where she received popular ovations; New Orleans, where she was showered with honors such as had never been shown a woman in that proud city, and the St. Louis exposition, where she became at once the chief attraction of the show.

As a member of Secretary Taft's party her slight figure dwarfed even that of the gigantic Taft himself, while the senators, representatives and other high dignitaries were scarcely one-two-three in the popular estimation. In Hawaii and the Philippines she was shown almost royal honors, while in Japan she was received by the mikado and in China by the empress dowager.

Her honeymoon trip to Europe, which will be taken next summer after the congressional session is practically over, will complete her trip around most of the world. Until that time the newly married couple will remain for the most part in Washington. The wedding itself will easily eclipse any social event that has ever occurred in the White House. The nuptials will be celebrated in the historic east room, and Right Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee of Washington will officiate.

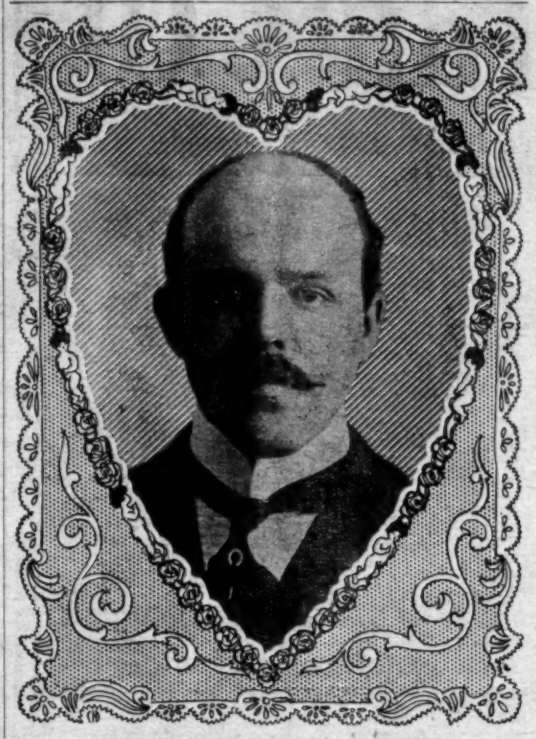
There have been many similar ceremonies witnessed in the executive mansion, the last one being that of the marriage of President Grover Cleveland to Miss Frances Folsom, twenty years ago. The one most nearly approaching the present affair, however, was the wedding of Nellie Grant to Algernon Sartoris. It is the only other marriage ever celebrated in the east room. The home life of Grant was much like that of the present occupant of the White House, and the heart of the silent man was wrapped up in his daughter. One of the unexpected parts of that brilliant event was the presence of some uninvited guests in the persons of little Jesse Grant's baseball nine, the ragged urchins creating both amusement and consternation by dodging about among the swell guests.

Prior to the civil war there were a number of White House weddings. The first one was that of a relative of Mrs. Dolly Madison, who was quite a social leader in her day and made the event a gala occasion. During President Monroe's regime his daughter, Maria, was married in the blue room to her cousin, Samuel L. Gouverneur of New York. Only a few invited guests were present. Six years afterward John Adams, son of President John Quincy Adams, was wedded to his cousin, Miss Helen Jackson, the ceremony occurring in the White House. Two weddings occurred during Jackson's incumbency of the office, one of a niece of the president and the other of the daughter of an old friend. President Van Buren's son was married while his father was in office, but the event did not occur in the executive mansion.

The most brilliant of the early White House weddings was that of the daughter of President Tyler to William Waller of Virginia. Tyler was the last of the Virginia executives, and Virginia hospitality was the order of the day. President Tyler himself was married a second time while in office, but not in Washington.

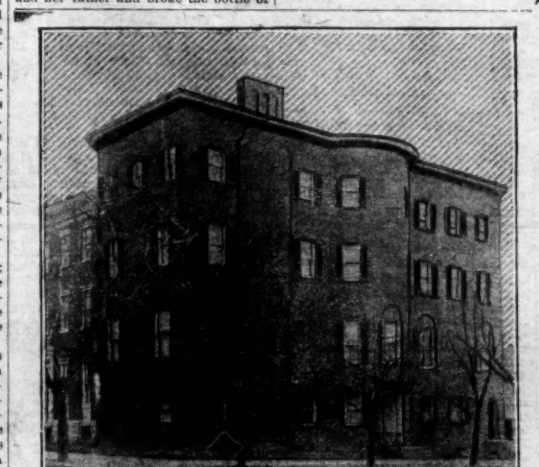
Now one more gala event, the most notable of the list, is to gladden the home of America's chief of state. Both on his account and for the sake of his sensible daughter the American people enter into the joy of the occasion.

J. A. EDGERTON.



REPRESENTATIVE NICHOLAS LONGWORTH.

MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT.



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TESTS FOR CLOTH.

How to Detect Frauds When Buying Fabrics.

"Of the goods sold as 'all wool' there is not one-tenth that is genuine," said a writer in the Chicago Tribune. "In the greater part the main component is cotton. The test is simple. All that is necessary is to pull out a few threads and apply a lighted match. Cotton will go off in a blaze, and wool will shrivel up.

"To distinguish true, pure linen from the counterfeit article is even easier. The intending buyer need but wet her finger and apply it to the goods. If they be pure linen, the moisture will pass straight through. The spot touched will be soaked at once, and almost immediately one side will be as wet as the other.

"Frauds are more numerous in silk than in any other fabric, but here also the material of adulteration is cotton. Its presence can readily be discovered. Draw a few threads out. The pieces of cotton will snap off short when pulled, while the silk will stretch and permit a considerable pull before breaking.

"Silk, cotton and wool are the three materials of cloth, and by the methods given the purchaser can at least make certain that she is obtaining what she paid for.

"Concerning silk it may be remarked that the stuff our grandmothers used to talk about that 'stood by itself' is not necessarily the best. Modern ingenuity has devised means of giving the poorest article the body requisite for this purpose.

"Shellac and other sticky substances mixed through the fabric will produce as stiff a silk as ever graced the closet of an ancestral mansion. Such stuff is quite worthless. It rots away in no time. As a matter of fact the silks most prized at present are of the soft variety, with no more rigidity than muslin.

"Counterfeit (machine made) lace is often offered as the genuine handmade article. At first glance it is identical with the real thing. Even one who is not an expert, however, can distinguish the difference with a little care. Machine lace is always exactly regular in its pattern, every figure the same shape, length, thickness, and so forth. In the handmade article there are always little irregularities."

How to Tell an Egg's Age.

The age of an egg is now discovered by immersing it in a solution of salt containing about eight ounces to the pint. When the salt has thoroughly dissolved, the egg to be tested is dropped gently into the glass containing the solution. If the egg is only one day old, it sinks immediately to the bottom; if three days old, it sinks just below the surface only, and from five days and upward it floats.

How to Freshen a Dress.

A clever bachelor girl who works all day long and every day in a very dusty locality has imparted the secret of the spick and span appearance that is the envy of all her associates. Regularly once a week she lightly sponges her plain, trim business suit with tepid water to which have been added a little liquid ammonia and a suspicion of powdered borax. While still slightly damp the skirt and coat are pressed carefully, the household laundry irons being employed for this purpose. The entire process consumes but a few minutes, and the result is a perpetual and perennial freshness and cleanliness possible in no other way.

How to Make Chestnut Pudding.

Make a pint of chestnut puree, sweetened and flavored with vanilla, adding a few spoonfuls of whipped cream just before the jelly sets; cover a mold with a thin coating of orange jelly, then about an inch of rich brown chocolate Bavarian cream, and when set fill the center with the chestnut jelly; set away on ice to harden.

How to Mend Table Linen.

Always do this before sending it to wash: Provide yourself with flourishing cotton in different sizes, according to the fineness or coarseness of your linen. Paste a piece of stiff paper over the hole on the right side and then darn very carefully with the flourishing thread on the wrong. The darn should reach half an inch beyond the tear on all sides, and the crossing must be very neatly and accurately done. It is really more satisfactory to mend these places before they reach the hole stage and takes far less time.

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Officer—So you've been drinking, eh? Mr. Foozle—Nothingerthekind, sir. I was sim'ly blown over by the wind.

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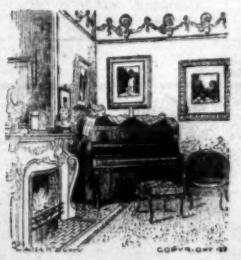

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RESOURCES	
United States, City and R. R. Bonds and Stocks	$79,629,477.18
Bonds and Mortgages	38,062,610.75
Real Estate	17,495,905.30
Cash	4,183,912.16
Demand Loans on Collateral	3,747,285.50
Loans to Policy-Holders	3,703,554.50
Premiums deferred and in course of collection (Net)	3,826,755.63
Accrued Interest, Rents, etc.	1,013,976.27
	$151,663,477.29

ASSETS, $151,663,477.29

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OBLIGATIONS	
Reinsurance Fund and Special Reserves	$132,705,296.00
Dividends Apportioned, payable 1906, on Non-participating Industrial Policies	681,942.00
Same on Participating Policies, Intermediate Branch	621,081.00
Same on Participating Policies, Ordinary Dept. (NOTE. Nearly all the Ordinary policies of the Co. are non-participating policies issued at low rates of premium)	26,726.79
Contingent Dividend Fund, Intermediate Branch	299,768.48
All other Liabilities	1,147,084.06
Capital and Surplus	16,181,578.96
	$151,663,477.29

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of its plans and of faith in its management may be fairly claimed in the number of Metropolitan policies in force. It is not only greater than that of any other company in America, but greater than that of all the other regular companies combined, less one. It exceeds, in fact, the COMBINED POPULATION of 24 of the States and Territories out of the 52 forming the American Union, viz: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Oregon, Colorado, Arizona, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming, Utah, North Dakota, New Mexico, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Washington, Hawaii, and as to CITIES, it exceeds the combined population of Greater New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Milwaukee.

SIGNIFICANT FACTS

The Company's policy claims paid in 1905 averaged in number one for each minute and a quarter of each business day of 8 hours, and in amount $105.83 a minute the year through.

The value and timeliness of these payments may be gleaned from the fact that of the claims paid during the year, 4,326 were under policies less than 3 months old, 8,391 were on policies which had run under 6 months and 15,148 were within the first year of insurance.

THE DAILY AVERAGE OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS DURING 1905 WAS:

395 per day in Number of Claims Paid.
6,972 per day in Number of Policies Issued.
$1,502,484.00 per day in New Insurance written.
$123,788.29 per day in Payments to Policy-holders and Addition to Reserve.
$77,275.94 per day in Increase of Assets.

Paid Policy-holders in 1905 for Death Claims, Endowments, Paid-up Policies, Dividends, etc., with amount set aside on their behalf as increased reserve—

$37,755,428.59

Paid Policy-holders since the organization of the Company, plus the amount invested and now on hand for their security—

$318,264,084.12

COMPARISONS, ETC.

Income in 1905	$61,531,588.49
Gain over 1904	5,545,831.58
Surplus in 1905	16,181,578.96
Gain over 1904	1,346,358.97
Increase in Assets during 1905	23,569,162.05
Gain in Insurance in force	126,085,438.00
The total number of Policies in force Dec. 31, 1905, was	8,596,705
The total amt. of outstanding insurance Dec. 31, 1905	$1,596,509,759.00
Number of persons in the service of the Company, over	19,000

THE TWO DEPARTMENTS

In the Ordinary Department policies are issued for from $1,000 to $1,000,000 on individual lives, premiums payable annually, semi-annually, or quarterly. In its Industrial Department (which is family insurance) policies are issued on all the insurable members of the household with premiums payable weekly.

The Metropolitan gained in insurance in force on which premiums are still being paid MORE THAN ANY OTHER COMPANY IN THE WORLD.

The Metropolitan wrote more business in the Industrial Department in 1905 than ever before in any one year.

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The Metropolitan wrote more business in 1905 than any other Company in the world. And this for the 12th consecutive year.

The Metropolitan has more premium paying business in force in the United States than any other company.

The Metropolitan has in force one-third of all the legal reserve policies in force in the United States. Its Industrial policies in force equal in number all the Industrial policies of all the other companies in the United States.

THE RATIO OF EXPENSE TO PREMIUM INCOME IN 1905 WAS THE LOWEST IN THE COMPANY'S HISTORY.

This Company issues no TONTINE or other forms of deferred dividend policies, in which the amount to be paid to the insured must largely be a matter of ESTIMATE at the inception of the contract, and of DISAPPOINTMENT at its maturity.

Its policies are plain business contracts which tell their whole story on their face; leave nothing to the imagination; borrow nothing from hope; require definite conditions; and make definite promises in dollars and cents.

Is not the fact that, notwithstanding the agitation in life insurance, the Metropolitan wrote more insurance in its Ordinary Department in 1905 than it ever wrote in any preceding year, proof that GUARANTEED BENEFITS for a fixed premium are what people want?

In its Industrial Department policies no obligation to pay dividends is either expressed or implied, the premiums being at stock rates, without the "loading" designed for dividends; nevertheless the Company for years past, as a pure act of grace, has returned a part of its surplus, annually, to the holders of its policies. The total amount so paid, including the amount set aside for 1906, is

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At The Theatre.

Mr. James O'Neill, the eminent romantic actor who has been seen here before, will appear again in this city on Thursday night of this week, presenting a brilliant revival of "Monte Cristo." James O'Neill is to "Monte Cristo" what Booth was to Hamlet; Joseph Jefferson to "Rip Van Winkle" and Denman Thompson to "The Old Homestead." His name will always be linked with that of the play, and he will go down in the history of the American stage as the ideal of the Dumas hero. Comte de Monte Cristo.

After having played the part of Edmond Dantes in "Monte Cristo" almost five thousand times, Mr. O'Neill says he is tired of it and positively asserts that the present will be the last season he will ever be seen in the Dumas play. The company is an exceedingly competent one which is supporting him this year and includes James O'Neill, Jr., the star's son; Richard Allen, Charles H. Stephens, J. W. Dillion, J. H. Green, Bart Wallace, Thos. Edwards, W. MacKegney, Alfred Long, John Parks, Allen O. Myeres, John L. Green, Ed. Short, Edwin Lane, James Hall, Ed. Smith, John Benjamine, Robert Lauer, Abigail Marshall, Kate Fletcher, Sara Leigh, Louisa Miller.

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A LYCEUM NUMBER.

A most delightful musicale is promised in the concert by the Alkahest Male Quartette at the Academy on Monday night and which number will be the fourth in the Lyceum Course. The Alkahest Quartette has an enviable reputation and comes backed by words of praise of many competent critics. The programme will be a very attractive one and will be made-up of both popular and classical music.

Seats can be reserved this morning, and holders of season books can get them upon payment of ten cents additional. The regular price will be fifty cents.

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Mr. James O'Neill will be seen at the Academy on Thursday, 15th, in a revival of "Monte Cristo."

For many years James O'Neill has been the recognized American representative of Dumas' hero of "Monte Cristo," and although a versatile and on many accounts more admirable actor, particularly in roles requiring vocal eloquence, he has been forced by public demand to devote most of his time to this play. He is the one supreme authority in this role, just as McCullough was in "Virginius," Booth in "Hamlet," or Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle." When time cannot wither, or customs stale a play or an actor's performance, it must be conceded that there are the genuine elements of merit in both. Such is "Monte Cristo" and James O'Neill.

Mr. O'Neill was a younger man when he first assayed his dual role—that of Edmund Dantes and the Count of Monte Cristo—yet his fire is still unabated, and he plays with all that fine dramatic spirit which gave him his reputation. His voice resonant and well modulated, is peculiarly adapted to these elocutionary phrases and he gives to the quieter scenes a breadth and dignity not often associated with melo-dramatic roles. Where others shout and tear a passion to tatters, he commands respect by forceful reserve, and that impression of genuine feeling so difficult to achieve in theatric plays of this nature.

The supporting cast includes a number of competent and talented people, and the production has been described as being one of the most sensational and spectacular, that money and modern stage-craft can effect.

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"THE HAM TREE."

Coming to the theatre about the middle of March will be McIntyre and Heath in that travesty of fun and melody "The Ham Tree," one of the greatest success New York has known in years. The book is by George V. Hobart, lyrics by William Jerome, and the music is by Jean Schwartz. The company includes, besides McIntyre and Heath, W. C. Fields, the comic juggler; Frederick V. Bowers, the ballad singing tenor; Jobyna Howland, Carolyn Gordon, Belle Gold, Alfred Fisher, Forrest Huff and David Torrence.

"The Ham Tree" is staged in three acts and four scenes, showing the Traveler's Rest, a country hotel at Marion, S. C., a water tank on the P. D. Q. R. R., near Dover, Del., a woods near the railroad track, and a drawing room in Mrs. Nicklebacker's Fifth avenue palace. Into these scenes has been written the most whimsical play the stage has seen in many seasons. McIntyre plays the part of the livery stable gentleman, Alexander Hambletonian, the "nachul comejean," who is lured from his lucrative job to throw himself into the arms of fame as a footlight favorite. Heath's character is that of a Georgia minstrel, who does the luring.

MR. JAMES O'NEILL.
Eminent Romantic Actor Who Will Be Seen at Academy Thursday Night in Brilliant Production of "Monte Cristo."

LIVING FIGURES IN THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN LIFE.

The yearly compilation of statistics published by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is never dry-reading. A summary of that Company's business for the year 1905, just issued, tabulates astounding figures in the concise manner approved by accountants, and following the custom of former years, supplements them with a clear and lucid analysis for the benefit of people who are not accountants.

Few persons are sufficiently familiar with great financial operations to grasp immediately the full significance of a balance sheet in which totals and grand totals are expressed in hundreds of millions, but the purpose of a Life Insurance statement is doubtless to inform and enlighten its multitude of policy-holders, and this purpose the Metropolitan management accomplishes with signal success. Following closely upon a period of agitation in the life insurance field such a statement is timely and specially interesting.

After placing before us a comprehensive statement of the Company's general condition, and presenting a series of comparative items, the Metropolitan reminds us again that the number of its policy-holders (now increased to more than eight and a half million) equals the combined population of our eight largest cities. In other words, if the Company's policies now in force, were all placed in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Milwaukee, every man, woman and child in these communities would possess one.

Men now living remember when the whole United States could hardly have supplied so vast a number of insurable persons. Even at this day there are twenty-four States and Territories whose combined population does not equal the number of people carrying insurance in this one great company.

We are informed that nineteen thousand persons were in the Company's service at the end of 1905. If one adult bread-winner represents five individuals in the total population, we must conclude that nearly a hundred thousand persons draw subsistence from this institution—not in insurance benefits, but in direct payment for service to the Company.

This army of nineteen thousand employes evidently includes no drones. During the year just closed it handled a daily average of one and a half million dollars in new business alone. The Company issued on the average nearly seven thousand new policies every business day during the same twelve months.

A single item which illustrates graphically the real meaning and purpose of all this tremendous business is that relating to insurance claims paid during the year. These amounted to more than $15,000,000. This means that some one received from the Metropolitan Life in benefits one hundred and six dollars every minute of every business day of eight hours throughout the year.

Again, the uncertainty of life and health, and the universal need of life insurance are most impressively emphasized in the statement that 15,148 policies paid within the year 1905 had been in force less than twelve months; and that 4,326 of these policies were paid in less than three months from the time they were issued.

The Metropolitan Life began the one hundred and fifty million dollars, showing an increase of more than twenty-three million dollars over the preceding twelve months. This evidence of ampie and increasing strength is a most satisfactory thing for policy-holders to contemplate, and it is a further cause for satisfaction that the largest year's business in the Company's history was transacted at a ratio of expense than has ever been reached in previous years.

The Company directs particular attention to the fact that it does not issue Tontine, or "deferred dividend" policies, nor any form of contract which fails to specify in exact terms what the insured is to pay in premiums and what he is to receive in benefits. That the simplicity of its contract-agreements is a popular feature will not be questioned in the light of facts above noted.

Many items in the Company's summary have not been touched upon for lack of space, but the document itself will be widely circulated, and one's time can hardly be utilized to better purpose than in the careful and reflective reading of its entire contents from beginning to end.

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Henry M. Flagler.

(By Editor of the National Magazine.)

Next to the building of the Panama canal, one of the most remarkable and important transportation enterprises under way is the extension of the Florida East Coast Railroad from Miami, Fla., to the tip of the gulf at Key West. A glance at the map shows a long strip of islands leading off the southern point of Florida. Along these "keys" (or islands) Henry M. Flagler is now constructing a railway which will bring New York and Key West into direct railroad communication. From Key West a car ferry will transport a train of thirty cars to Havana, and the gulf and straits will be made a veritable harbor of commerce. The spirit of expansion has blazed the path, and the project is going rapidly onward.

Mr. Flagler's Statement.

It was inspiring to hear Mr. Flagler in his New York office, speak in his simple concise way of the great undertaking.

"The practicability of the project has been proven, the surveys made, work begun, and New York and Key West will be connected by rail."

These words were uttered by a man who has been prominently identified with the development of the Southeast, and of Florida in particular. Probably no name is more revered in that State than the name of Henry M. Flagler, on account of the constructive work and effort which he has lavished on that territory. Less than a quarter of a century ago he pinned his faith on the land of Ponce de Leon, when the famous hotel of that name was built, converting Florida from a struggling sanitarium rendezvous into a great and popular pleasure resort. To give in detail what he has done in this State would be to write the recent history of Florida, for to the vigor and energy of this one man may be traced the development of rich agricultural tracts from the vast wastes formerly familiar to the traveler. The courses of rivers have been changed, or obstructions removed, large areas have been drained, and every obstacle to the full development of the country has been, so far as possible, removed, and now, at the climax of a great career, the keys of the gulf coast are to be conquered. For one man to fearlessly expend $20,000,000 in developing a State is an action without parallel in the history of a nation.

Like a Romance.

I listened enwrapt to one whose life is a chronicle of constructive force which reads like a romance. Mr. Flagler is a genuine captain of industry, and he led the way to the Peninsular State. His palatial hotels have made the east coast of Florida the American Riveria, and their construction was a bold stroke in the battle of development, but it conquered. The keen eye of the projector saw what might be done with the natural resources of the State, and he did it. Now, at the age of 76, this master mind is undertaking a project which at first seemed to present insurmountable obstacles, because of engineering difficulties, but Mr. Flagler said when the Panama canal was decided on he determined to put the Key West problem to the test and learn the facts as to the feasibility of the railroad. There were all manner of drawbacks to encounter, such as tides, currents, winds but once the practicability was proven, it was promptly decided that the road should be built.

Mr. Flagler turned in his office chair and handed me the memoranda of the work, and I saw that the distance from Miami to Key West is 164 miles; the railroad already extending twenty-eight miles of this distance to Homestead. Sixty miles of this road is on solid rock embankments through the water of the ocean separating the mainland from Key West. Of the entire distance only sixty-five miles of road will be on the islands. The rest of the distance the rails will be laid thirty-one feet above salt water. Four concrete viaducts aggregate nearly six miles, with fifty feet spans resting upon concrete piers set in the solid rock and strengthened by piles. There are seven water openings, each twenty-five feet, and three drawbridges which aggregate 410 feet.

Largo is the largest of the keys and is forty miles in length, but the railroad only traverses fifteen miles of its area. Next comes Plantation Key, and so on down a long list of keys to Stock Island and Key West. In addition to the keys over which the road actually passes, there are a number of others in sight, many of them covered with groves of trees, furnishing the traveler with a panoramic view of the wealth of the tropics. To look from a train upon these strategic keys, covered with cocanut trees and pineapples trees, is to enjoy a view not to be seen from any other railway line in the world.

Rich Hammock Land.

The islands are rich hammock land and the railroad will develop a vast traffic in fruits and vegetables, such as has made Dade county notable. The growers will supply the markets of the North and the world, and on every table will be found the fruit of the tropics at all seasons of the year.

It is difficult to comprehend all that this road will mean in the annihilation of time and space in getting products of the market. And in addition to this, the value of land in the South will be enhanced as the products of the soil will have a new outlet, while the markets of the world will be supplied with a greater variety than ever before, and at a lower price. In the improvement of this section some thirty-five miles of rivers were cleaned out and deepened, twenty miles of ditches were dug, and the effects of all this is seen in the oranges, mangoes, grapefruit, pine apples, cocanuts and great variety of other fruits and vegetables found in Dade county and shipped by express freight trains to the Northern markets.

The water between the islands is shallow being from ten to thirty feet deep, with a bottom of limestone. The best engineering talent of the country has been employed to overcome all obstacles. Mr. J. C. Meredith is the constructive engineer in charge of the work a Miami. A large fleet of tugs and barges are employed constantly. At Key West extensive docks and terminals will be built, as well as dry docks and wharves, each eight hundred feet long and one hundred feet wide. The trip of ninety nautical miles from Key West to Havana will be made in from four and a half to five hours.

But most important of all is the fact that this will furnish the shortest and quickest route to the Pacific. The construction of this railroad is certainly going to be the crowning achievement of Mr. Flagler's wonderful and successful career in Florida. It may well be termed the "Oceanic Route," and will be the most unique scenic line in the world, for "ocean travel by land" is a novelty that will be welcomed by the victims of mal de mer.

Pen Picture of Flagler.

The office of Mr. Flagler is on Broadway, just at the bend of that famous thoroughfare, and is on the twelfth floor of No. 26. It is a large room, overlooking the harbor. In the office was the quiet air of concentrated business. Several gentlemen were assembled in the outer room, waiting to take up the routine of buy and sell. In Mr. Flagler's room I noticed that a number of books lay about the desk, and on the walls were blue prints showing the plans for the railway extension.

Mr. Flagler has a gray moustache and kindly blue eyes, and evidently takes a deep interest in all things progressive. He is as alert to-day as when a youth of 14 he began his notable life career of "making his way." If the genius of the age is business, I should, without hesitation, say that Henry M. Flagler is the personification of this age.

I like best to describe him as a man with the courage of his convictions, a staunch upholder of the new South, who has opened up its resources not by words, but by works. His keen and kindly interest in men and new enterprises expresses the true American spirit, and it occurred to me that this might be the secret of the amazing success of all his business undertakings. Despite the numerous projects which he has on hand, I noticed that Mr. Flagler keeps abreast of the literature of the day. On his desk were several new books, and while I sat there a fresh volume was brought to him with the leaves all cut ready for his perusal.

Mr. Flagler impressed me as being a man capable of succeeding in any line he may take up. I believe he would have made an ideal president of a college, and certainly would have been as consummate a success as he has been in business, for I never heard from any one more sound sensible and hearty opinions regarding the every-day problems of life. Summed up, his conclusion was that the man who believes unreservedly in his country and does his duty, will come out all right.

His Liberality.

This doctrine was splendidly exemplified by Mr. Flagler after the great freeze of 1895, when many of the orange growers were broken by their heavy losses. The manner in which he opened his purse at that time, in order that the people should have money on such terms as they needed, and encouraging them to go on with their work, certainly showed no disposition to make money out of other people's misfortunes. He insisted that these sufferers by the frost were honestly entitled to every consideration possible.

Like all men of his calibre, Mr. Flagler takes a universal view of matters, and this attitude enables him to see another side of events that which merely concerns his own interests.

I was much interested in learning that early in his career this master mind met with overwhelming obstacles and at one time lost his entire fortune in an enterprise at Saginaw, Mich., but, nothing daunted, he went to work again and made a new start. He told me how difficult it was for him to realize that, although he observed the old standards of industry frugality, temperance and perseverance, he did not seem to make progress, but later he saw that these years of slow growth were but the training school for later successes. He also remarked that many successful men had told him that no one was more surprised than themselves when they found success crowning their efforts beyond their wildest dreams.

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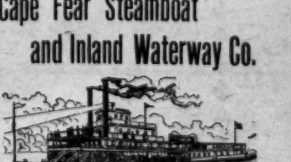

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RESOURCES

LOANS	$315,694 98
OVERDRAFTS	720 89
UNITED STATES BONDS AND PREMIUM	307,500 00
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	4,563 82
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS	364,021 56
TOTAL	$897,801 25

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL	$200,000 00
SURPLUS	73,840 00
UNDIVIDED PROFITS, NET,	3,364 14
CIRCULATION	200,000 00
DEPOSITS	420,597 11
TOTAL	$897,801 25

*Began business September 18, 1905, with capital fully paid and a subscription of $100,000 00 to surplus, payable in monthly instalments. Gain in resources since Nov. 9th, $201,467.61.

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(Condensed from Report to C orporation Commission Jan. 29, 1906).

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$1,531,670.14	Capital	$ 25,000 00
Furniture and fixtures	2.00	Profits, less taxes and expenses paid	113,536 31
Real esta'e	15,660.00	Deposits	1,559,210 72
Cash on hand and due from banks	150,414.89		
Total	$1,697,747.03	Total	$1,697,747 03

J. W. Norwood, President.

H. WALTERS, Vice-President.

C. E. TAYLOR, JR., Cashier.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—A receiver has been appointed for the Young Hardware Company, of Raleigh. The liabilities are $4,000, and the assets about $10,000.

—Norfolk Landmark: The Virginia-Carolina Coast Railway Company carried through Edenton yesterday about 250 or 300 Norwegians and Swedes to work on the new piece of road from Mackey's Ferry to Columbia, a distance of 25-miles through Dismal swamp.

—At Elizabeth City on Friday afternoon fire destroyed the residence of Malachi Ward, and he narrowly escaped death in the flames. He was asleep in the bed-room with the door locked and was thought of at the last moment, just before the roof collapsed, the rescuers battered down the door to get him. He was wrapped in flames, his clothing afire, even his hair being burned off. Almost suffocated with smoke, he was feebly trying to reach a window. He was removed in an unconscious condition, terribly burned and otherwise injured. It is thought he will recover.

—Raleigh News and Observer, Feb. 9th: The most interesting meeting of the Woman's Club in the New Year was held yesterday afternoon, and the public spirited ladies of Raleigh have seldom heard a more patriotic address than the very able one delivered before them by Mrs. W. R. Hollowell, of Goldsboro, who is one of the formost women in North Carolina, and the South. The special message Mrs. Hollowell brought to the women of Raleigh was "Federation." There are 31 clubs in the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, and a membership of 800.

—At Raleigh on Friday Charters were issued as follows: Lawndale Lumber Co., Lawndale, Cleveland county to manufacture lumbers and furniture, capital stock $50,000, of which amount $5,100 has been paid in; the Sikes Lumber Co., Fayetteville, to handle all classes of lumber and also to conduct a plant for the handling of naval stores; there has been subscribed $50,000 out of an authorized capital stock of $150,000. Incorporators, W. H. Sikes, W. H. Britton and W. J. Johnson, all of Fayetteville.

—The meetings of the Farmers' Protective Association of North Carolina, which has been called by the president, Col. John S. Cunningham, will take place in Durham on Friday, Feb. 23rd.

—The Bank of Smithfield and the Commercial and Savings bank of that place will consolidate on the 1st of March, and continue business under the name of the Bank of Smithfield, with a capital stock of $30,000. The Bank of Smithfield opened up for business on the 1st of March, 1898, with $10,000 capital, and Allen K. Smith, president, and John O. Ellington cashier. The Commercial and Savings Bank was chartered and organized during July, 1904, under the name of Smithfield Savings Bank, with a capital of $10,000, and doing only a savings bdsiness, with W. L. Woodall, president, and Jas. A. Abell, cashier. On July 1st, 1905, the name of the institution was changed to the Commercial and Savings Bank, and opened up the commercial feature.

—Newbern dispatch, Feb. 9th: A curious fact developed in Superior Court to-day in the case of Bottling Company vs. Habicht, in which the plaintiffs swore they sold $800 worth of intoxicating liquor to the defendant within two months. Newbern is under prohibition law and, of course, the sale of all liquor of this nature is illegal and must be conducted quietly. Therefore this statement, made in court, opens a way for vigorous prosecution by the temperance people. The defendants swear they sell nothing intoxicating and show a manufacturer's guarantee to establish their claim. The plaintiffs got a judgment of $213, the full amount of the claim.

—At Raleigh on Friday the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League selected the following central executive committee: J. W. Bailey, J. I. Johnson, Josephus Daniels, E. B. Broughton and J. C. Massee.

—Charlotte Observer, Feb. 10th: Early yesterday morning when the bell boy of one of the local hotels went up to a room to arouse a guest, he detected the unmistakeable odor of escaping gas. The alarm was given at once. An investigation was made and the trouble was found to be in the chamber of a visitor from a neighboring town. The door was pushed open and the hotel officers at once made their way into the room. The occupant was in bed, unconscious. The gas jet was open and but for the lowered window, the result would doubtless have been fatal. A physician was summonded and he pronounced the man in no immediate danger. The windows were raised and the room thoroughly aired and the occupant was allowed to continue his sleep. When he awoke later in the morning he complained of a severe headache, for which he could assign no reason. He was not informed until later of the narrow escape that he had had.

—Charlotte Observer, Feb. 10th: The contract for the digging of the huge canal that is to carry the water from the river to the power house at Great Falls, S. C., has been let by the Southern Power Company to The Simons, Mayrant Company, of Charleston, S. C. The canal is to be 1 1-8 miles in length and is to be 20 feet deep, 180 feet wide at the top and 100 feet at the bottom. The big dam which has been built across the river at Great Falls, is for the purpose of At the foot of the canal, Another ham has been built and here are to be seen the immense trubines and the other machinery for the generation of the current. The water after running through the canal, falls over the turbines and passes on back into the river through a creek. The fall is 72 feet and it is estimated that 45,000 horse power of electricity will be generated with this head of water. The terms of the contract call for the completion of the canal by November 1st. It is stated that $75,000 will be the cost of the work.

—Raleigh News and Observer, Feb. 10th: The board of engineers appointed by the government to investigate the feasibility of an inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort, N. C., will meet at the office of the United States engineer in Norfolk on February 28th and will be in session for four days. The board consists of Colonel Leach and Captains Flagler and Howell. These offices last November made a trip through the proposed canal and now they will consider the report on the waterway and make a report as to the cost of the canal, which would be of great benefit to shipping. The proposed waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort is 200 miles long and from 10 to 12 feet deep and could accommodate vessels which draw up to 11 feet. The dangers of Hatteras would be avoided and shipping men claim that there would be a great saving of floating property. The other end of the proposed canal is 40 miles below Cape Lookout and the trip could not only be made quicker but safer. There has been a great demand for the canal.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for City Pulpits To-Day.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Odd Fellows' building, second floor: Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject of Lesson sermon: "Mind." All are invited.

St. Thomas' church: First Mass, 7 A. M., High Mass Sermon, 10.30 A. M. Vespers, 7:45 P. M.

Brooklyn Baptist church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets, Rev. J. A. McKaughan, pastor: Preaching by the pastor at 11 A. M. and at 7:30 P. M. Sunday School, 3:30 P. M. Wednesday night prayer meeting at 8 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor. German service, 11 A. M. English Vesper service, 7:30 P. M. with installation of officers. Sunday School, 3:30 P. M. A cordial invitation to all.

Market Street Methodist church, next to corner of Ninth and Market streets: There will be services to day at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School, 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. All are cordially invited to any or all these services. Evangelist M. J. Duryea, pastor.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. C. W. Kegley, pastor: Sunday School at 10 A. M.; Preaching services at 11 A. M.; Vesper services at 7:30 P. M.; Young People's Society, Thursday at 8 P. M. Every person welcome.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, corner Front and Queen streets: The services of this church are for all who will attend. The hours of service are, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. All visitors and strangers in the vicinity of this church are most cordially invited to attend. The seats are free and you are welcome.

Bladen Street Methodist church, corner of Fifth and Bladen, Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor: Service Sunday, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School, 3:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7:45 P. M. Public is cordially invited.

St. John's church, corner of Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. J. Carmichael, D. D., rector: Septuagesama Sunday, morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday School, 4 P. M. Seats free; strangers cordially invited.

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Richmond, Va.—True Reformers, Rosebud Convention, Feb. 26th-27th, tickets sold Feb. 21st to 25th on certificate plan basis.

Louisville, Ky.—Account Department of Superintendence, National Educational Association, Feb. 27th-March 1st. Rate of one fare plus 25 cents for round trip, tickets sold Feb. 24th, 25th, 26th, final limit, March 4th.

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A Love Game

[Original.]

When it became too cold for lawn tennis we played table tennis, commonly called pingpong. Miss Spencer and I were playing on the dining room table. A cheerful fire blazed on the hearth, which we did not need for heat, but appreciated for comfort.

"You serve," said Miss Spencer.

I served the ball so that it fell on the edge of the table, very nearly before her. She was standing too close and missed it.

"That's a horrid ball," she said.

I served again. This time Miss Spencer stood far back from the table. I served so lightly that the ball barely fell over the net. She hadn't time to move forward and missed again.

"That's another horrid ball," she said, pouting. "When I play with Mr. Austin he never gives me such balls."

"Mr. Austin, being in favor, can't afford to play to win."

She was about to pass me the ball, but at this she stopped short and looked at me.

"What do you mean?" she asked coldly.

"The English language is not adapted to making my meaning any plainer."

I knew perfectly well that Mr. Austin, being in possession of $10,000 a year, was considered by the Spencer family a suitable parti for Miss Spencer. Mr. Austin was a globe trotter, I a poor man of business. Miss Spencer, fearing I would explain still further, passed me the ball. I preferred to continue the subject.

"Men of Mr. Austin's age"—I began.

"I suppose you consider your own age the most desirable."

"I would not venture at twenty-three to compete with a man of"—

"It's thirty—love," interrupted Miss Spencer. "Isn't it?"

"Forty," I replied.

"Thirty-eight," said Miss Spencer.

"I was not aware that there was any such count in pingpong."

"Oh, pshaw! You know well enough that I—why can't you play the game and let Mr. Austin alone?"

"Why can't you let Mr. Austin alone?"

"Do you mean to imply," she answered, bristling, "that I am demeaning myself by trying to catch Mr. Austin?"

"You don't need to do that."

"Are you going to play pingpong or continue to discuss disagreeable subjects?"

So the projected marriage was a disagreeable subject. I concluded to play pingpong for awhile and think over the situation. Indeed, I paid so much attention to my play that I beat three straight games. The last ball rolled off where we couldn't find it, and we sat down to rest.

"I wish," said Miss Spencer, "to correct some impressions you have with regard to Mr. Austin."

"I thought your love affairs were disagreeable subjects which you preferred to have me let alone."

"I only referred to Mr. Austin."

"Then the attentions of Mr. Austin involve a love affair?"

"How horrid you are tonight! I didn't say that."

"You mean, after all, that the subject of love, or, to speak more particularly, any mention of your love affairs, is disagreeable to you."

"I don't have love affairs, thank you. One can have but one love affair."

"At a time."

"I mean that when a girl has two suitors she will only love one of them."

"While her family may love the other."

To this Miss Spencer made no reply. She was picking at a button on the skirt of her dress.

"Then I am to assume that your family wish you to accept Mr. Austin, while you"—

I left her to finish; but, since she would not speak her part of the dialogue, I was obliged to speak it for her.

"Not having yet fallen in love and mindful that Mr. Austin is able to make life easy for you, you are about to yield to the wishes of your family and accept him."

Miss Spencer was still silent. It is said that silence means consent. Therefore the logical deductions were that Miss Spencer loved no one, but she would marry Mr. Austin. But I felt pretty sure that if Miss Spencer had not yet fallen in love and was about to marry Mr. Austin she would assent to my proposition and admit the fact. She did not admit it; therefore I took her silence for denial. This may be a fine distinction; nevertheless I acted upon it.

"Don't you think," I went on, "that you, being a woman of age and capable of judging for yourself, would do better to choose a poor man with a future than a rich man with none? If you have not yet loved, I have. I love"—

The door opened, and Miss Spencer's father came into the room.

"I thought you two were playing pingpong," he said, going to the sideboard where there was a racket. His back being turned, I darted a quick glance at his daughter. Her hand was close to mine, and I clasped it. She gave mine a pressure that sent a thrill up my arm to my heart.

"Which beat?" asked Mr. Spencer, looking for a ball.

"The first game," I replied. "Miss Spencer was forty—love for awhile, but I crawled up on her and at last beat her. The last was a love game, in which I was the victor."

Mr. Spencer found what he wanted, and, his youngest daughter coming into the room, they began to play. Miss Spencer and I looked on for a few minutes, then sauntered away to the library, where the lamps had not been lighted. We did not trouble ourselves to light them.

CUTHBERT M'KENZIE.

No Change.

Grocery Loafer (yawning)—Bill Smith has a new affliction—has it so bad that he is unable to do anything for a living. It's the spring fever.

Other Grocery Loafer (yawning)—A-a-w, that's no new thing with Bill. That's the same spring fever he had all winter.—Indianapolis News.

Only Fair.

"The trouble is," he said to the lady who believed in woman's right to propose, "that I'm inclined to doubt my ability to support a family."

"Well," she replied, "why not give me the benefit of the doubt?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Blase.

Clare—I hesitated to tell you of my engagement for fear you wouldn't believe it.

Maud—Nonsense! I've got to the point where I'll believe almost anything.—Detroit Free Press.

The Woman of It.

He—Miss Elderly has such a sad face.

She—Well, a face like hers is enough to make any one sad.—Boston Globe.

UNCLE SAM TO CUBA.

Well, you're goin' to be free,
Little Cuby;
Just as free as you can be,
Ain't you Cuby?
With your hand held in my own
I have watched you as you've grown;
Now, let's see you walk alone,
Little Cuby.

You're as glad as you can be,
Little Cuby,
To at last get loose from me,
Ain't you Cuby?
But there's rocks ahead of you,
And there's thicket's to git through;
You've a lot to learn to do,
Little Cuby.

I said I'd set you free,
Little Cuby,
And I'm doin' it, you see,
Ain't I Cuby?
Oh, you laugh out loud today
To be left to go your way,
And I hope you always may,
Little Cuby.

Yes, you're goin' to be free,
Little Cuby,
Just as free as you can be,
Little Cuby;
All alonesy now, and when
You come cresepin' back again—
Well, we'll talk about it then,
Little Cuby.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

Not True to Life.

Jimmy—My, what a awful dream! I dreamed the schoolhouse was burnin' up an' I was helpin' to put out the fire! —New York Journal.

Too Good.

He fell on his neck and reminded him of the good old times. He mentioned the old playmate and spoke tenderly of those who were dead.

After the fifth one they were as long lost brothers, and so he ventured it. "Sam," he said, "lend me $50 till tomorrow. I'm a good friend of yours."

"You are," the other murmured, with enthusiasm. "You are the playmate of infancy, the friend of youth and the inspiration of manhood's happy hours, but," and a strange sadness crept into his voice so that it vibrated like the tones of some rich instrument, "I can't lend you $50, Bill. You're too good a friend to lose."—Baltimore Herald.

A Sense of Caution.

"What would you do if some one were to come and offer you money for your influence?"

"I should repulse him with scorn," answered Senator Sorghum. "Any one who can't arrange such matters otherwise than by brutal offers of cold cash is not a safe man to do business with." —Washington Star.

DESPERATE WARFARE IN RIGA.

Revolutionist Being Hanged as Fast as Caught.

Riga, Feb. 9.—In spite of the presence of a large garrison re-inforced by the police forces, and the employment of severest repressive measures, the revolutionist are waging a desperate war against the authorities in Riga, and constant collisions occur. In the provinces the policy of summary execution of captured revolutionists continues. They are usually sentenced to hanging instead of shooting. The troops are retaliating with the torch for the destruction of country houses. The ruins of every burned castle look down upon the ashes of consumed hamlets and cottages.

Reblin, Feb. 5.—The Lokal Anzeiter to-day printed a despatch from Kattowitz, Prussia Sicilia, announcing that a private house at Slice, across the Russian frontier, has been destroyed by the explosion of a bomb. The bodies of twelve persons can be seen in the ruins and it is believed that many others were killed.

MRS. McNAIR SHOOTS HERSELF.

Prominent Society Lady Tragically Ends Her Life.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 5.—Mrs. Lilburn McNair, prominent in society and champion woman golf player of St. Louis, shot and killed herself today at her home, 4,629 Berlin avenue. Mrs. McNair had been under treatment for nervous melancholia for six months, and arrangements had been made by her husband to take her to an eastern health resort at the end of this week. Mr. McNair is a member of a prominent real estate firm and is reputed wealthy. According to a statement by Mrs. McNair's brother, Mrs. McNair had been unable to sleep for several consecutive nights. Other members of the family were in different parts of th house today when Mrs. McNair found an old revolver and, retiring to her bedroom, shot herself. She was 34 years old and had two children.

LOVED A MAN IN ASHEVILLE.

Girl at Selma Takes Chloroform and Dies.

Selma, Ala., Feb. 5.—Bertha Marsden, a house servant employed by a well known family here, was found dead in her bed early to-day. A bottle of chloroform by her side and a sponge saturated with the fluid, indicated suicide. This was made certain by a letter addressed to J. W. Douglas, of Washington, D. C., stating that she intended killing herself and thanking for past kindness. Another letter ready for mailing and addressed to a man in Asheville, N. C., was found filled with protestations of love for him and expressing regret that she could not be near him when the end came. Miss Maradon lived formerly in Washington, from which place she was brought last fall by her employers here.

MINISTER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Tied Weight to His Neck and Jumped into Well.

Valdosta, Ga., Feb. 5.—Rev. J. G. Martin, a Baptist minister, residing in this county, was found dead in a well early to-day with a hundred and fifty pound weight tied to his neck. The water was six feet deep in the well, his coat, collar, shoes and tie were found beside the well. The indications were that he had committed suicide. He was sixty years old and had lived in this county for 25 years, accumulating considerable property by farming.

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D. McEACHERN,

Chairman County Commissioners.

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Atlantic & North Carolina R. R.

LOCAL PASSENGER SCHEDULE.

Effective, Dec. 10, 1905.

EASTERN TIME.

EASTBOUND	No. 1 Daily A. M.	No. 3 Daily P. M.
Lv. Goldsboro	8.00	3.40
" Best's	8.21	4.01
" LaGrange	8.32	4.13
" Falling Creek	8.43	4.25
" Kinston	8.56	4.40
" Chanel	9.13	4.53
" Dover	9.23	5.02
" Cove	9.41	5.16
" Tuscarora	9.51	5.26
Ar. Newbern	10.10	5.43
Lv. Newbern	10.16	5.55
" Riverdale	10.34	6.18
" Croatan	10.38	6.22
" Havelock	10.50	6.35
" Newport	11.06	6.52
" Wildwood	11.12	6.58
" Mansfield	11.16	7.02
Ar. Morehead City	11.30	7.20
" Morehead City Depot	11.40	7.30
	P. M.	
" Beaufort (BMC&OSSCo)	12.20	8.10

WESTBOUND	No. 2 Daily A. M.	No. 4 Daily P. M.
Lv. Beaufort (BMC&OSSCo)	7.00	3.35
" Morehead City Depot	7.40	4.15
" Morehead City	7.50	4.22
" Mansfield	8.01	4.33
" Wildwood	8.05	4.37
" Newport	8.11	4.43
" Havelock	8.27	4.59
" Croatan	8.39	5.11
" Riverdale	8.42	5.15
Ar. Newbern	9.05	5.40
Lv. Newbern	9.10	5.48
" Tuscarora	9.31	6.10
" Cove	9.41	6.20
" Dover	9.58	6.36
" Caswell	10.08	6.46
" Kinston	10.22	7.00
" Falling Creek	10.35	7.13
" LaGrange	10.47	7.26
" Best's	10.58	7.37
Ar. Goldsboro	11.20	7.55

Trains Nos. 1 and 4 connect at Goldsboro with Atlantic Coast Line trains as follows: No. 41, southbound; No. 42, northbound, and with Southern Railway trains Nos. 111, westbound, ar 4 No. 112 eastbound.

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To The Beach.

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In Effect, Jan. 23, 1906.

(Daily.)

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6.00 A. M.	6.30 A. M.
	Leave Beach.
7.00 A. M.	8.15 A. M.
10.00 A. M.	10.45 A. M.
11.30 A. M.	12.15 P. M.
1.30 P. M.	2.15 P. M.
3.00 P. M.	3.45 P. M.
6.00 P. M.	6.45 P. M.
7.30 P. M.	9.15 P. M.

Saturdays—Extra Cars.

4.30 p. m.	3.45 p. m.
10.00 p. m.	5.15 p.m.
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WILMINGTON. N. C.

Sunday Morning, Feb. 11.

Entered as second-class matter at the postoffice at Wilmington, N. C., under the act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

RATE REGULATION MEETS DIFFICULTIES

Members of Senate Committee Propose Amendment That Will Throttle Hepburn Bill.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Washington, Feb. 10.—With all sorts of promises rumored, the Senate committee on Inter-State Commerce today resumed consideration of railroad rate bills, under the agreement to meet daily until February 16th, when a vote will be taken.

The chief difference of opinion concerns the court features and involves the right of the railroads to have the rates fixed by the commission reviewed by the courts before they become operative.

Certain opponents of the House bill, who have been contending for a specific recognition of that right have suggested another and concededly more moderate amendment. This provides that the courts may determine the lawfulness of a rate fixed by the commission, which would amount to a test proceeding and have a bearing on all subsequent orders of the commission.

How acceptable this proposed amendment will be to the majority of the opponents of the bill has not been ascertained, but Senator Aldrich is said to favor it. It is a compromise only in that it provides for the determination of the constitutionality of the bill before its provisions are enforced. It is believed generally that if adopted it would result in the greatest legal contest in the history of the courts.

Senator Tillman offered an amendment to exempt Pullman cars and express companies. He said that in view of the uncertainty as to whether they would be included in the definition of transportation lines he would offer the amendment to make certain that they would be. No vote was taken on the amendment to-day.

Republican members of the committee, with the exception of Senator Dolliver and Clapp, who are committed to the House bill, to-day held an extended conference following the meeting of the committee. They endeavored to draft an amendment providing for the review of orders of the Inter-State Committee Commission which would be likely to receive the favorable consideration of opponents of a feature of that character. When the committee meets on Monday these members, expect to offer an amendment in terms similar to the provisions of the Esch-Townsend bill as it passed the House.

MOROCCAN CONFERENCE HALTED

Germany Won't Consent to France's Demands—Both Have Adherents.

By Cable to The Morning Star.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—The negotiations at Algeciras have reached a decisive turn and the dissolution of the Moroccan conference without an agreement on the principal subjects of discussion appears to be the probable result. The positions of France and Germany have now been clearly disclosed. Each country, supported by several other powers, holds tenaciously to its own principle of settlement, namely, France for special recognition in Morocco and Germany for a strict application of the doctrine of equal treatment of all countries in the future of Morocco. Both the Paris and Berlin governments saw that a controlling influence could be exercised in Morocco either through the command of the semi-military police or by holding the Moroccan purse. France has indicated that she might give up the police administration provided she were allowed a paramount position in the State bank organization, which will represent Morocco's foreign debts, largely held in France and which will control the Sultan's future borrowing. Herr Von Radowitz and Count Von Tattenbach, the German delegates to the conference, said Germany could not consent to France's having control of the bank, as this would simply be another way of turning over the country to France. Then Mm. Revoil and Regnault, the French envoys, two days ago, dropped the bank question and raised that of the police, upon which Germany also insisted upon the equal participation, in some form, of all the powers giving a modified acceptance.

JACK THE JABBER ARRESTED.

Degenerate Youth in St. Louis Who Stabbed Women.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 10.—John Brady, 22 years old, a waiter out of employment, was arrested today and later confessed that it was he who stabbed a number of women on the streets during the last three weeks. Brady was arrested today in a resort where he had, on a previous visit, boasted that he was "Jack the Stabber." Brady spoke in a high, effeminate voice, and with no show of emotion or excitement. "I don't know just how the idea first came to me," he said. "When I stabbed the women I delighted in it. Just one quick stroke and it was all over."

Brady will be held pending a charge that will be placed against him.

ANOTHER VICTIM IN SAVANNAH.

Two Deaths From Friday's Shooting—Wounded Better.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 10.—Patrick Kearny, city policeman, who was one of those wounded in the political shooting affray in front of the City Hall yesterday, died this afternoon. James McBride, harbor master, Tim McBride and James Lane, city employes, were arrested again today, charged with the murder of "Babe" Dyer. A hearing was had before Judge Cann, in the Superior Court, beginning at 6 o'clock this afternoon and lasting until after midnight, when James McBride and Lane were admitted to bail in the sum of $2,500 each. Tim McBride was held without bail. "Sap Dyer will recover, as will Frank Nagle, the bystander who received a bullet in the eye.

HORRIBLE FATE OF THREE MEN.

Guardhouse at Eastman, Ga., Burned and Prisoners Perish.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Eastman, Ga., Feb. 10.—Last night the city barracks caught fire, the building together with its three inmates, who were placed there for being drung and disorderly being consumed. The inmates were D. A. Cooper, Elbert Mullis and John B. Hart, all white men. Cooper was about fifty years old and leaves a large family also. Hart was a young man, and left a wife and child.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have caught from the inside by a match being dropped in the bedding.

FRAUD GAME BEING EXPOSED

Unblushing Robbery of Government by Carter, Greene and Gaynor in Collusion

DAMAGING EVIDENCE IN TRIAL

Mattresses in Savannah Harbor Work Worthless Brush Heaps — Contractors Allowed $3,600 for Work Worth $400.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 10.—Major Gassius E. Gillette, U. S. A., gave interesting testimony to-day in the trial of Greene-Gaynor.

Major Gillette said on the stand that the mattresses sunk by the defendants in Cumberland Sound were no more than bundles of brush; that they were not worth more than a tenth of the price the government paid for them; that instead of supporting the stones that were thrown on them, the stones went right through them; and that he was unable to get a copy of the specifications at the scene of the work.

"I saw one of the mattresses sunk," said the witness. "A great quantity of dry leaves floated away. It struck me that a very large percentage of the mattress was floating away."

Major Gillette said that the eight courses of mattresses migh have made one good course.

"Do you mean to say, Major, that the government paid for eight mattresses where there was only one?" asked the court.

"That was the system of payment. The government never paid Greene and Gaynor for those mattresses at all."

Major Gillette said that the government had been paying at the rate of $3,600 for something it could have secured in the open market for $400. That, he said, was what the work done by Greene and Gaynor under Carter amounted to. All the advertisements specifications, contracts, etc., were but part of the scheme, he said. They were intended to confuse the main issue, to veil the real purpose which was to make the government pay nine prices by shutting out competition and leaving no alternative to acceptance of Greene and Gaynor, the contractors. "Without any authority, Carter purchased a brush heap and paid for a properly constructed mattress of 8 courses," said Major Gillette.

E. R. Conant, of Brunswick, Ga., inspector under Carter, said that in contracts for Cumberland Sound, log mattresses were not put in, but brush mattresses, much cheaper than the logs, were used.

A letter from Carter to Col. Craighill, was read. In this Carter stated that he disapproved the use of log and brush near Fernandina, Florida.

Major Gillette explained that the teredo is extremely plentiful in Fernandina waters and exceedingly destructive to wood. The government's contention is that despite this knowledge and view of Carter, the latter recommended logs and brush for use in the jetty work.

Adjournment was taken until Monday.

DESPERADOES CAPTURED.

Exciting Chase After Robbers and Murderers in New Hampshire.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Exeter, N. H., Feb. 10.—Two burglars who robbed a shoe factory in Dover of $20 at midnight and who murdered an Italian laborer in the smoking car of the "Sunrise" express train bound from St. John, N. B., for Bovin, at Rockingham junction, on the Boston and Maine Railroad, early in the morning, were captured this afternoon after an exciting chase of fifteen miles through Rockingham county, in which deputy sheriffs, police and citizens participated. The officers and one of the burglars exchanged shots while the man hunt was in progress, but no person was injured. The robbers escaped from the train hands at Rockingham junction after they shot and killed Guiseseppe Giampa, a passenger who endeavored to leave the smoking car while the railroad men were attempting to detain the burglars.

RACE QUESTION IN KANSAS.

Supreme Court Decides Against Separation of Races in Schools.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Topeka, Kan. Feb. 10.—The State Supreme court to-day decided that in the absence of a State statute granting such power, boards of education in cities of the second class have no right to separate negro children from whites in the public schools. The case that brought forth the decision came from Coffeyville, when "Bud" Cartwright, a negro, demanded that his daughter be admitted to the same school room with white children, although a separate room was provided for the negroes. To-day's decision does not affect that recently rendered by the same court unholding the act passed by the last legislature providing for the separation of white and negro children in public schools in cities of the first-class.

ALMOST LYNCHING IN NEW YORK

Police Rescued Negro Murderer and Protected Him from Mob.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

New York, Feb. 10.—A thousand men and boys to-day jeered at a squad of policemen, who, with drawn revolvers, protected Clarence Brooks, a negro, from the crowd which threatened to lynch him. The negro had been pursued throught one of the city's busiest centers, after a sensational shooting affair in which Williams Mitchell, another negro, was killed. Both the shooting and chase took place on Seventh avenue, near Thirty-sixth street, at an hour when the streets were thronged. Brooks when rescued by a mounted policeman from pursuers, was placed in an express wagon and other policemen surrounded the vehicle. It was then hurried to the nearest police station.

MINERS ARE TURBULENT.

Dolan Has His Way at Pittsburg Convention.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—After six days of turmoil and strife the delegates to the miners convention of Pittsburg district secured a breathing spell this afternoon by adjourning until next Wednesday. Before the close, however, President Dolan was successful in having the election tellers' report read and despite apepals froh is decision declared himself elected president; Uriah Bellingham, vice president and William Dodds, secretary-treasurer for the coming year. Confusion prevailed during almost the entire session. Following adjournment 102 delegates held a caucus and determined on a legal fight to unseat Dolan and Bellingham.

WOMAN ASSASSIN SHOT AND KILLED

She Fired Four Shots Into Vice Admiral Chouknin in Sebastopol—Was Well Dressed.

By Cable to The Morning Star.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The admiralty has received a report from the surgeon in charge of Vice Admiral Chouknin, who was shot by a woman in his office in Sebastopol yesterday, to the effect that his wounds are not dangerous. His assailant who was shot and killed by an orderly who rushed to the admiral's assistance, is believed to have been an emissary to the St. Petersburg group of terrorists. The woman has not been identified. She was well dressed and quiet in her manner. She appeared at the official residence of Admiral Chouknin and sent in her card, saying she was a daughter of a rear admiral, who was an old acquaintance of Chouknin at St. Petersburg and requested an interview. Upon entering the admiral's office she drew a rapid-fire pistol and fired four shots at Chouknin with deliberate air, each bullet reaching the mark. She then turned to flee, but was killed by the orderly.

The news of the attempt on Chouknin's life created great excitement among the sailors at Sabastopol, a large portion of whom are sullen and continually on the verge of mutiny. The revolutionists at Sebastopol attempted to organize a demonstration but were unsuccessful. The crime beyond doubt was political. Chouknin had long been a marked man on account of his activity as commander of the Black Sea fleet in repressing disorders. When the sentences imposed on the sailors for participation in the Odessa mutiny were before him for review, formal notice was served on Chouknin to the effect that if he approved the death sentences he would share the same fate.

The hand of the terrorist is now raised against all classes of officialdom, military and civil, which are called upon to curb here revolutionary movement. Various manifestations have been killed on account of their prominence in subduing the Agrarian uprising.

SOUTH'S ATHLETIC TRACK MEET.

Three Thousand Witness Sport in Richmond Yesterday.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 10.—The first indoor athletic track meet of the South held here tonight, under the auspices of the American Athletic Union and the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, was a brilliant success, and will, without doubt, lead to the establishment of a yearly event of the kind in this city. The spectators tonight numbered about three thousand, and included Governor Swanson and many other men prominent in State and city, with a large proportion of ladies elegantly attired. The contests were spirited and thoroughly sportsmanlike, and were highly enjoyed by the large audience throughout. The leading honors of the evening were carried off by the University of Virginia, George Washington University, of Washington City, the Columbia Athletic Club, of Washington, Georgetown University and Woodberry Forest High School. The University of Virginia defeated George Washington, and Georgetown University defeated the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in the relay racing, which was the most attractive feature on the programme. Richmond College won the relay race from William and Mary and Woodberry Forest took everything in its class, carrying off the inter-scholastic championship of Virginia and the District of Columbia. The Columbia Athletic Club won in relay racing from the Norfolk team, and also captured the one mile run. The University of Virginia won the running high jump, the Washington School for boys defeated the Richmond schools in relay racing, and the Richmond High School won the local racing championship. The pole vaulting contest was won by J. A. Sterrett, of George Washington, champion of the South, his figures being ten feet, three inches. The 800-yard race went to P. Herring, of the Columbia Athletic Club, the time being 2:12 3-5. The shot-put was won by Gorman, of Georgetown, his distance being 37 feet 9 inches.

The programme went off without a hitch and there was only one mishap during the evening. E. Taylor, of the University of Virginia, broke his ankle in pole vaulting.

WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt Led in Lively Discussion.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 10.—At today's session of the Woman's National Suffrage Association, an amendment to the constitution permitting one or more delegates from any State to cast the votes of all the delegates elected from that State, was lost after a lively discussion in which Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, led the fight in favor of the proposed amendment, strenuously advocating what she termed the "one-woman-one-vote" principle. Mrs. Alice Stone Blackwell, and Rev. Anna Howard Shaw opposed the amendment.

PHI CHI FRATERNITY ADJOURNS.

Will Meeet Next Year in New Orleans.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Richmond, Va., Feb 10.—The Phi Chi Medical fraternity, after a most successful convention here, adjourned to-day to meet next year in New Orleans. The officers for the ensuing year are:

Grand presiding senior, J. Warren Knipp, M. D., of Richmond; grand presiding junior, J. A. Jasper, of Washington, D. C.; grand secretary-treasurer, Dunning S. Wilson, M. D., Louisville, Ky.; editor Phi Chi Quarterly, Fred S. Koontz, Louisville, Ky.

The annual banquet was held this evening.

TWO BROTHERS MURDERED.

Awful Result of Quarrel at Party in Georgia.

Rochelle, Ga., Feb. 10.—At the home of Jesse Hearn, north of Rochelle, last night Joe Watts shot and instantly killed D. S. McDuffie, Jr., and Orrin B. McDuffie, sons of D. S. McDuffie, Sr. aged 19 and 16. They were at the gate leaving for home from a party. There were a few words between Watts and the elder McDuffie. Then Watts shot both young men through the heart, killing them instantly. Watts fled and is now being pursued by the sheriff.

PENNSYLVANIA INVESTIGATION.

President Cassett Says He Has Nothing to Conceal.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 10.—President A. J. Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania railroad, upon being asked to-day what the attitude of his company was towards the investigation proposed by Congress in regard to the ownership by the Pennsylvania Railroad of the stocks of other companies, said:

"The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has nothing to conceal and will welcome an opportunity to have the facts brought before the public."

BOND ISSUE OF $200,000,000

Stockholders of Southern Railway Asked to Authorize Enormous Fund

DOUBLE TRACK—NEW SHOPS

Large Part of Fund to Be Used for Improvements and Acquisition of Additional Lines—Won't Molest Regular Dividend.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

New York, Feb. 10.—Announcement was made to-day that the Southern Railway Company has decided to ask the stockholders to authorize an issue of $200,000,000 development and general mortgage purpose bonds. Of this amount $15,000,000 will be issued immediately for following purposes: $4,962,744 to refund payments for equipment heretofore made and charged to capital; $3,500,000 to refund investments in securities for advance to subordinate companies heretofore made and for the acquisition of property not heretofore funded, and $6,536,226 for double track, revision of grades, new yards, shops, etc.

The balance of $185,000,000 will be reserved for the following purposes: $31,158,000 to retire divisional prior lien bonds on properties acquired for which no provision is made in the consolidated mortgage; $16,000,000 to retire not later than April 1, 1909, collateral trust fives; $18,008,000 to retire, as they mature in the next fifteen years, equipment capital obligations; $10,000,000 to acquire capital stocks of certain leased lines; $10,000,000 to pay not later than July 1, 1908, for the eastern division of the Tennessee Central and immediate improvements.

After provisions for the foregoing obligations are made there will be left $99,834,000, which will be used to provide for future acquisitions and betterments.

President Samuel Spencer of the Southern Railway Company, in a communication to the voting trustees of the capital stock of the company, relating to the proposed bond issue, says that the existing financial condition of the company is such as to justify the creation of the new mortgage and the immediate issue of $15,000,000 of the new bonds are proposed without disturbance of the full dividend now paid on the preferred stock.

WORLD'S BIGGEST WAR SHIP.

Monster Launched at Portsmouth, England, Yesterday.

By Cable to The Morning Star.

Portsmouth, England, Feb. 10.—The monster battleship Dreadnaught, which when finished will have cost $7,500,000, was launched here to-day by King Edward.

The ceremony was the most simple imaginable, the King having vetoed all decorations and pageantry on account of the death of his father-in-law, King Christian. There was a moment ofsuspense when the King touched the electric button removing the last block, as the huge ship hesitated and appeared reluctant to take the water, but, ultimately, she glided down the ways in safety.

The New York Store, at Cullman, Ala., belonging to the Mountain City Mercantile Company, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Loss on building $30,000, with $9,000 insurance, and on stock $60,000, with $15,000 insurance.

The armored cruiser Tennessee arrived in Rockland, Me., yesterday from Boston, for her standardization trial on the Owl's Head course, which will take place to-morrow.

In Cincinnati, O., last night fire destroyed most of the extensive plant of the L. Schreiber & Sons' So., manufacturers of structural iron, causing a loss of $250,000 covered by insurance. There is a suspicion that the fire was of incendinary origin. The firemen recently had trouble with its employes.

REFORM OF FOOTBALL GAME.

Inter-Collegiate Committee Getting Up New Rules.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

New York, Feb. 10.—Ten yards to be gained in three downs was the principal football reform tentatively agreed upon at a meeting of the National Intercollegiate Football Rules Committee in this city to-day. This rule, if finally adopted, the football experts believe, will do more than anything else toward opening the game. The committee adjourned to meet again March 3rd in this city.

In addition to agreeing upon the ten-yard rule, which exactly doubles the distance to be gained in three downs under the playing rules of the past several years, the committee agreed upon the following:

That every player on the kicking side shall be on the side when the kicked ball touches the ground.

That the question of affording proper protection for the men catching the ball be taken up and carefully defined at the next meeting.

The one forward pass shall be allowed on a play, provided the ball does not touch the ground before being touched by a player of either side.

Nothing was done with regard to the question of a field laboratory, but Paul Dashiel, on behalf of Annapolis offered the Naval Academy field and its facilities for use by the committee in the matter.

PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING.

Thousand Made Homeless by Fire in West Virginia Town.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 10.—Reports received here to-day from Littleton, W. Va., which was almost devastated yesterday by fire, says there is much suffering among the families whose home were destroyed, on account of the cold weather. Scores of families are huddled together over the embers of their homes and death from exhaustion are likely to result. The relief fund started yesterday, has reached large proportions, and all the destitute will soon be taken care of.

The fire was under complete control at daylight. Forth-fifths of the buildings in the town were destroyed and over 1,000 people have been rendered homeless. But four business structures are left standing. One saloon escaped the flames, and when the fire was finally under control a mob rushed to this place and almost wrecked the building in a scramble for liquor. Many fights followed and Mayor Bradley finally compelled the owner to close the doors.

The cause of the fire has not been definitely ascertained. The loss is estimated at $300,000 with but 15 per cent. insurance.

Charleston, W. V., Feb. 10.—Governor Dawson has ordered that all National guard tents needed be sent to the fire sufferers at Littleton, W. Va.

You do not "know your business" unless you know how to make it bigger and better through advertising.

THREE STRONG REASONS IN FAVOR OF KEELEY

Man Who Had Been Up Against Hobgoblins and White Caps Gives Them.

The Keeley Institute, Greensboro, N. C.:

Six years ago I was a drunken sot, without home, without friends, and with only the prospect of filling a drunkard's grave. I had been a confirmed drinker for ten years and was reaping the whirldwind of strong drink. If any one had asked who the most hopeless, shiftless man in town was, the finger of the public would have pointed out John B. Willis, the drunkard.

I have had delirium tremens six times, and have seen all of the devils and fiends of the lower pit. I have walked miles in the dark rainy nights trying to catch these leering, grinning devils, and I have been chased in return miles by the horrid hobgoblins and white caps, with all of them trying to kill me. I have felt the cold belly and slimy, creepy scales of the snakes as they crawled over my body, and have called on my people to help me fight them off, when there was nothing wrong, only I was full of the poison drink. I have felt the fiery pangs of the burning thirst, which I could not control, when I knew that the drink was killing me, yet the burning thirst would drive me back again to drink of the poison.

Six years ago I spent thirty days at Keeley Institute at Greensboro, N. C., the good people of my neighborhood sending me to take the treatment for drink. None believed that I would live to return, but I did and to-day I can say that I have never taken a drink since I took the Keeley Cure, six years ago. More than that I can say that I have never wanted to take a dring since I took the treatment; I have never been sick; I have never lost a day from work.

The reason why a man who is a drunkard should take the Keeley Cure.

First. Before I took it I was a hopeless, friendless, despised, drunken sot. Now I am a respected man with home, a family and friends and some two thousand dollars worth of property.

Second. I was a miserable sufferer, suffering bodily and with mental pain and anguish. Now I am free from pain, free from the demon of despair, free from the awful fiery thirst that consumes the man who drinks.

Third. If there is a treatment that will transform a man from what I was to what I am, I say that every one who wants to be free from the slave of drink should take the Keeley Cure.

Very respectfully,
JOHN B. WILLIS.
Chase City, Va., Dec. 5, 1904.

Send names and addresses of those who may be benefitted to the Keeley Institute, Greensboro, N. C.,

WARM WIRELETS.

Bod Douglas, the Canadian heavyweight wrestler, last night defeated Bull Olsen, of Cleveland, at the Chicago Athletic Association. The match was catch-as-catch-can, and Douglas won two straight falls.

The House committee on interstate and Foreign commerce yesterday agreed to make a favorable report on applications for a revenue cutter at Savannah to cost $200,000 and one at New Orleans to cost $50,000.

Representative Nicholas Longworth, who is suffering from an attack of tonsilitis, in Washington, was reported as much better yesterday. It will be necessary however, it was stated at his home, for him to remain quite for several days.

Benjamin E. Vallentine, a wealthy Brooklyn lawyer, was convicted by a jury in Mineola, L. I., yesterday on entering a forged deed conveying property from his wife to his mother. The signature forged was that of his dead wife. Valentine was released on bail.

Ike Williamson was instanly killed and Jim Williamson fatally shot by Jim Bales Saturday afternoon a few miles north of Fayetteville, Tenn. The shooting occurred on the highway and was the outcome of a feud of long standing. All parties are prominently connected.

Judge Thomas N. McClellan, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama, died in a private car yesterday as the Louisville and Nashville train from Montgomery, was entering New Orleans. Death was caused by heart failure. The body will be sent to Athens, Ga., for interment.

The after damp continues to hamper the efforts of rescuers in the Parral mines, in West Virginia, where thirty or more men were killed or entombed by an explosion of gas on Thursday. The rescuing party yesterday encountered a slate fall and were unable to reach the 12 bodies remaining in the mine.

Postmaster General Cortelyou has notified the board of governors of the Jamestown Exposition Company that the Postoffice Department will publish a special issued of souvenir stamps commemorative to the Jamestown Exposition. They will be of the denomination of one and two cents and will be of appropriate design.

The House committee on agriculture has arranged a general hearing on cotton statistics beginning Thursday, February 15 at Washington. The Department of Agriculture, census bureau, cotton manufacturers, planters and others interested in the cotton industry will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Frank Wisnewski, the stable boy who was an eye witness to the shooting of Bartley T. Horney by his son-in-law, Dr. James W. Simpson, at Northport, Long Island, is reported to be dying in the state hospital for the insane at Kings Park, N. Y., Wisenwski, was the only witness to the tragedy.

It has been officially announced that eleven midshipmen of the first calss will not receive their diplomas on Monday at Annapolis on account of deficiencies in certain branches but will be compelled to go to sea and will be re-examined. Among the eleven midshimen are: Robert W. Cananiss, Ala.; Claude A. Bonvillian, Houma, La.; William F. Newton, Georgia.

An engine and four cars ran away on the logging road of the Tug River Lumber Company, in Scott county, Tenn., on Friday evening, killing Assistant Superintendent C. M. Ellis and W. H. Buckles, the latter a laborer. John Eden, the engineer, was seriously injured, his right leg being broken. Ellis and Buckles jumped from the flying train and were hurled to instant death against the rocks of the mountain.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN OHIO.

Man Killed Himself and Child—Shot Wife's Parents.

DETROIT, Feb. 10.—John Witte, aged 28, to-night shot and killed himself after killing his four year old child, shooting his father-in-law, August Whiting, through the stomach and shooting his mother-in-law, Mrs. Whiting, in the shoulder. Witte who had been separated from his wife, went to the Whiting home, supposedly with the intention of killing his wife and child. But Mrs. Witte was absent at work. Mr. Whiting is in a critical condition.

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White Shirt-Waist Sets. Embroidered with Wash Silk, two kinds. Some worth $1 and are selling for 69c. Some worth $2 we are selling for $1.48.

The newest Belts, Gold and Silver threads interwoven with flowers. Oriental designs, each, 48c.; also, by the yard at 45c.

White Swiss with embroidered figures in white, special, the yard. 35c.

Silk-Finish Gingham, small checks, black and white and many other good combination colors, decidedly good for waists. We offer them now at the small price of, 25c.

Corded Silk Chiffon, a beautiful fabric for evening dresses. Three patterns, White and Blue, White with Pink, and White with White Dots. Special at 29c.

Figured Silk Eoline, beautiful soft fabric of white, with Roses and other flowers. The yard, 50c.

"Toulle De Soleiel," one of Arnold's new Fabrics, solid shades only. Our price the yard, 25c.

Samples sent to out of town customers.

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT ADDED.

Forward Step of Live Andrews Furniture Establishment.

Mr. E. M. Andrews, the well known furniture dealer has decided to add a piano and organ department to his up-to-date business at No. 117 South Front street. He has secured the agency of such well known manufacturers as Kranich, Bach, Stultz, and Bauer & Langdon and will have on hand an attractive line of these instruments. The new music house will have also in its employ a first-class tuner and repairer in the person of Mr. J. N. Brittain, who will devote his entire time to the work. Mr. Brittain is a man of talent and experience in his line and the new department promises to succeed from the start.

Y. M. C. A. Meetings To-day.

The boys' meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this morning will be adressed by Mr. Chas. F. McNeill and the Acme Male Quartette will sing. Pastor Fred D. Hale, D. D., of the First Baptist church will address the men's meeting at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and the same quartette will sing as at the morning meting. The boys and men of the city, respectively, are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

At the Boys' Brigade.

Mr. E. L. Hines, a member of the command, will be the speaker at the Boys' Brigade armory at the men's meeting this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Fairchild will sing a solo and with Mr. Anderson will render a duet. The service promises to be most interesting and profitable.

Lose By River Freshet.

Mr. J. L. James, of Wallace, was so unfortunate as to have a big lighter of rosin sunk Friday at Smith's Bridge, Pender county. He also lost a barge of lumber at Swann's Cut about the same time. A great rise and the biggest freshet in Northeast river in years is reported.

The difference between what you did pay and what you should have paid for "things" in your recent shopping is probably enough to make it worth while for you to read the store-ads. hereafter. **

CERTIFICAT OF CHANGE OF CAPITAL STOCK.

The Carolina Timber Company, a corporation of North Carolina, doth hereby certify that it has amended or changed its charter in accordance with a certain resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said corporation at a meeting convened for the purpose, December 11, 1905, and considered by all of the stockholders of said corporation, present in person or by proxy, at a meeting called for the purpose, December 22, 1905, at its principal office at the Mill of the Angola Lumber Company on the Northeast branch of the Cape Fear River near Wilmington, in the County of New Hanover, the said change or amendment herein being certified is set out in the following resolution, unanimously adopted at said stockholders meeting as follows:

Be it resolved, That the present existing capital stock of this corporation be decreased from one hundred thousand ($100,000.00) dollars to seventy-five thousand ($75,000.00) dollars by the surrender by each stockholder of his shares, and the issue to him in lieu thereof a proportionately decreased number of shares; That the charter of this corporation, paragraph Fourth, be amended so as to read as follows:

"The total authorized capital stock of this corporation shall be one hundred and fifty thousand ($150,000.00) dollars, divided into fifteen hundred shares of the par value of one hundred ($100.00) dollars each. The amount of capital or working stock with which this company may continue business shall be seventy-five thousand ($75,000.00) dollars."

Resolved, further, that certificate of this change or amendment be filed with the Secretary of State as provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The Carolina Timber Company has caused these presents to be signed by John Harker, its President, and attested by John T. Reid, its Secretary, and the corporate seal of said company to be hereto affixed this 9th day of January, A. D., 1906.

(Corporate Seal)
THE CAROLINA TIMBER COMPANY.
By John Harker, President.
Attest: Jno. T. Reid, Secretary.
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4,800 Bags Pure Kainit	$11.00	1,986 Bags 8-4-4 Guano	$26.50
9,750 Bags 8-2-2 Guano	$18.00	2,240 Bags 17 per ct. Acid	$13.00
6,440 Bags 8-3-3 Guano	$22.00	4,850 Bags 12 per ct. Acid	$10.00
8,219 Bags 13 per ct. Acid	$10.50		

Shall planters pay two prices for goods?
Shall planters sell cotton at half price?
Is a planter's dollar equal to others?

W. B. COOPER,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

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Capital	$300,000
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Shareholders' Liability	300,000
Total	$800,000

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H. LACY HUNT, Asst. Cashier. U. S. Grainger, Asst. Cashier.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Atlantic Trust and Banking Co., at Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, January 29, 1906.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$579,580.45
Furniture and fixtures		100.00
Demand loans		13,000.00
Due from banks and bankers		69,119.02
Cash items		1,056.97
Gold coin		300.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency		91.94
National bank notes and other U. S. notes		408.00
Total		$663,686.28

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock	$ 50,0000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	21,277.02
Dividends unpaid	177.00
Deposits subject to check	551,086.13
Demand certificates of deposit	26,337.60
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,046.83
Certified checks	261.80
Accrued interest due depositors	3,500.00
Total	$663,686.38

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

I, Milton Calder, cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MILTON CALDER, Cashier.

Correst—Attest:
B. H. J. AHRENS,
C. W. YATES,
JOHN H. KUCK,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of February, 1906.
L. E. COVINGTON,
Notary Public.

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U. S. Branch, Moscow Fire Insurance Company of Prussia.

(Condition December 31st, 1905, as Shown by Statement Filed.)

Statutory Subscribed Deposit		$ 200,000.00
Amount ledger assets Dec. 31st previous year		1,139,955.07
Income — From policyholders	$888,270.85	
Miscellaneous	$37,284.43	925,655.28
Dusbursements — To Policy-holders	$467,284.20	
Miscellaneous	$256,846.13	
Total		724,130.43
Fire Risks — Written or renewed during year	$100,958,809.00	
In force		92,592,204.00

ASSETS.

Book Value of Bonds	$ 1,148,783 91
Cash deposited in banks	192,696.01
Interest and Rents due and accrued	5,572.91
Total	$ 1,347,052.83
Less Assets, not admitted	66,767.91
Total admitted Assets	$ 1,280,284.92

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid	$ 62,348.00
Unearned premiums	559,077.94
Total Liabilities as to policy-holders	$ 621,425.94
Capital deposits	200,000.00
Surplus	458,858.98
To Liabilities	$ 1,280,284.92

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Fire Risks written $512,862.00; Premiums received	$ 5,374.68
Losses incurred — Fire $1,688.00; paid	1,693.00
Losses now unpaid	1.00

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State of North Carolina,
Insurance Department,
Raleigh, Feb. 7, 1906.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Moscow Fire Insurance Company, U. S. Branch of Russia, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1905.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above writtten.
JAMES R. YOUNG,
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